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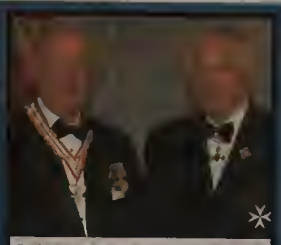

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Mitzvah Day at Shepherds unforgettable

By Alexander Baker

"We need more chili!" comes the cry from the assembly line, as the large stainless steel vat is running close to empty. After a moment of confusion, Barry Waterman hustles back into the kitchen, returning moments later with an identical tub of thin reddish chili.

Men and women, wearing faded aprons and baseball caps, stand shoulder to shoulder, serving food to a never-ending stream of downtrodden people. Many of them are homeless, others just too poor to afford a good meal every day.

At the Shepherds of Good Hope, this is an unremarkable Sunday, like any other. The soup kitchen opens its doors at 11:30 am, but a long line of hungry people has been queuing outside the doors for at least an hour. When I arrived, it stretched around two sides of the building. And once those doors open, it seems the wave of people will never stop – the kitchen serves 350-400 meals for lunch every day.

Shepherds of Good Hope is not a happy place. Most of the poverty-stricken people shuffle their feet along the well-worn floor, single file, murmuring 'yes' or 'no' at the people on the other side of the sneeze guard glass who are offering food. Some just nod or shake their heads; many say nothing at all, barely making eye contact.

A woman is in line, prodding a little girl ahead of her who appears to be trying to hide in the folds of her mother's worn overcoat. A man comes in wearing an old Nepean

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Members of the Jewish community join the serving line at Shepherds of Good Hope on Mitzvah Day.

US Orthodox slam Natorei Karta

By Michal Lando

The participation of the Natorei Karta in a Holocaust denial conference held in Teheran last month, continues to draw the ire of Jews, but particularly that of the *haredim* who feel their credibility and image were threatened by the actions of the small anti-Zionist group.

The latest show of opposition came when hundreds of Jews, mostly Orthodox, protested in Monsey, NY, where the Natorei Karta have one of their headquarters.

Organized by a far-right Jewish group, the Jewish Defense Organization (JDO) that holds training sessions to teach Jews how to defend themselves against anti-Semitism, the protest was held outside the Natorei Karta headquarters and home of Rabbi Dovid Weiss, who recently returned from the conference in Teheran hosted by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Weiss would not comment on the protest, and told *The Jerusalem Post* he has a policy of not speaking to "Zionist newspapers." The protest was one part of a larger campaign, called "Operation Screwball," by the JDO to ostracize the Natorei Karta. The JDO Web site now features photos of several members of the sect with their telephone numbers and addresses, in an attempt to encourage harassment.

The group, is calling on synagogues and Jewish businesses in Monsey to deny entrance to or association with the group's members.

Protesters at the gathering came from Brooklyn, New Jersey and other parts of the New York metro area, carried signs that read "Natorei Karta U R Traitors." They were met with equally provocative signs from the Natorei Karta that said "Judaism rejects Zionism and the State of Israel." The anti-Zionist group stood outside their headquarters with a torn Israeli flag.

Since the conference in Teheran in December, some of the most vocal opposition in New York to the Natorei Karta's attendance has come from ultra-Orthodox groups such as the Satmar, some of whom ascribe to a more moderate form of

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Chanukah on Parliament Hill

Jacob and Sarah Aaron meet Prime Minister Stephen Harper during the Chanukah memorah-lighting ceremony on Parliament Hill. More on Chanukah events on pages 18, 20 and 21.

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Jewish, Muslim students find they have common interests

By Alexander Baker

If Patrick Mascoe is right, generations of conflict between Jews and Muslims can be avoided if the children on either side see they each have a pet rabbit.

"All they see is the similarity," says the 46-year-old public school teacher of his Grade 6 students, "which is really cool because all of a sudden there's that one big difference – our school is about 70 per cent Muslim – and as soon as they start communicating that one difference is minor and they see all the similarities."

Mascoe has made it his mission to bring together students from Charles H. Hulse public school in Beacon Hill and Hillel Academy to show them their religion and culture, whether Jewish or Muslim, is not all that defines them.

He began the association with Hillel three years ago, when students exchanged pen pal letters. Last year, Hillel students went to visit the kids at Hulse, the first time they met face to face.

Then, in November 2006 the 11- and 12-year-old students met at Hillel Academy and spent a day creating cloth challah covers, painting tiles for the Hillel Lodge tunnel to the SJCC and just getting to know their counterparts. The activities were a separate, advance part of the Mitzvah Day program.

"As soon as we started sending letters it was really cool because kids would come running up and go 'I have a rabbit and so does this person!'" says Mascoe. "To me the religious aspects – what is Judaism, what is Islam – that's not important. Character is what you see of a person; don't go in there thinking this person is a Jew or this person is a Christian, therefore cannot be a good person – you have to judge someone on who they are."

Rather than trying to build tolerance for the other's beliefs and educate the students about religion, which Mascoe says they are too young to really grasp anyway, he wants to show these students religion is not monolithic.

"It's one of those things you teach and whether the kids follow it or not is up to them, but they can never say 'we didn't know racism was bad.' I'm hoping when they're 25 years old they go 'you know what, you can't say all Jewish people are bad, we met Jewish people and it went well,' and vice versa."

However, the exchange program has not been without controversy. Mascoe says any time there is an attempt to cross cultural and religious lines, people are bound to be upset.

"I've had parents who don't want their kids to participate, but I can talk to parents and convince them they're wrong," he says. "I'm pretty direct. I say, 'Some of you have come to Canada and you've been shown a great deal of tolerance. You need to do the same. Don't think of it as a Middle East thing; this is Canada.'

"With kids who are immigrants here, there's always that issue of 'my country' because the parents are saying, 'back in our country …' So that's another lesson. This is your country. Your parents left – for whatever reason – but you're here now. We don't have a civil war going on …We don't need fighting in the streets of Ottawa."

However, Rabbi Dr. Jeremiah Unterman, principal of Hillel Academy, says there is the possibility of controversy from some of the Jewish parents as well.

"You might have a tiny minority of objections, for whatever reason, but I think the vast majority of people will be very happy with it," he says. "In Jewish tradition, one of the first things we're told is every single person is made in the image of God. We have a mission that requires us to educate children to live in the modern world, and that certainly means living with and appreciating diversity."

Mascoe hopes to expand his pen pal program to other schools in Ottawa and in the Toronto area, where he has teacher friends. However, he says the really remarkable thing is not that two groups of people are coming together, but that when they do, it is such a big story.

"I'll know we're successful when this is no longer a story. Two people or two groups from different cultural backgrounds getting along? Great, keep telling the story until it no longer needs to be told."

Patrick Mascoe, surrounded by his Grade 6 students from Charles H. Hulse public school, shows a tile he painted for the Hillel Lodge tunnel. The Hulse students came to meet their counterparts at Hillel Academy as part of Mitzvah Day.

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The Lonely Man on the Street

Elana Moscoe's winning essay

One day I was taking a stroll down the street and I came across a young man. This young man seemed to be seventeen years old. He was wearing tattered clothing and had a sign that said, "If you have a penny, can you give it to those in need?" Beside that sign lay a tattered old baseball cap with nothing in it except for three cents. I was curious as to why this man was sitting out in the cold; starving and sad. I was not afraid of him. I went right up to him, and sat on the dirty, concrete curb beside him.

"What is your name?" I asked in a warm, caring, friendly voice.

"Jake", he answered. "I am cold, and starving; can you please lend some spare change so I can have some dinner tonight?"

I thought about what he had just asked me. I thought that maybe there was more to it and that maybe I could do a little something more to help the poor man in need. I wanted to make sure that he doesn't take the money I gave him and spend it on something like drugs or cigarettes.

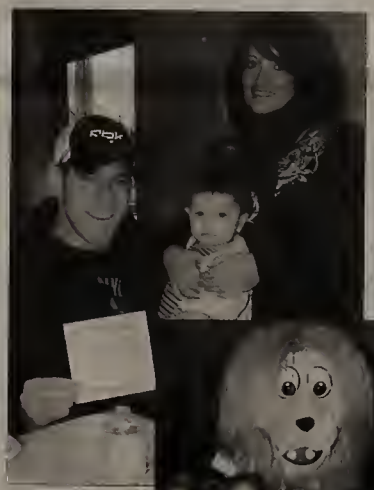
I then asked him, "If there was one thing in the world that you would want, right at this very moment, what would it be? I will help you achieve this if you just tell me."

"I wish I could have at least one warm meal in my stomach every day."

After he said this, it made me realize what it must be like to have almost no food to eat on a daily basis. The next thing I told him was that I would do my very best to make his dream a reality. I walked next door to the nearby grocery store and I explained to the owner about this man and his dream. I told him that if I gave him one thousand dollars, then I would want Jake to be able to have one hot meal each and every day. The owner of the store was extremely understanding. He shook my hand to seal the deal as I passed him the one thousand dollars.

I walked outside and told Jake that his wish was granted and that it was a pleasure meeting him. I don't think Jake believed me at first until the store owner called him in that night and offered him some food to eat. Jake was ecstatic and I was too because I had the privilege of doing a wonderful mitzvah that day.

Noam Arnon-McGregor's winning drawing



(Above) Stuntman Stu and family paint a tile to be hung in the underground tunnel.

(Above) Youth spend time with seniors at Hillel Lodge making crafts.

(Left) Spartacat and his fans prepare for their mitzvoth.

CBC Radio One's Adrian Harewood spends the day in the Paint Palace.

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Shepherds of Good Hope

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minor hockey windbreaker, just like the ones they had when I played in that league. Most of the people are dirty and dishevelled, though to various degrees. On the other hand, some people don't seem to belong in the place at all. A dignified-looking woman enters the room wearing a full-length fur coat, with fox fur trimming the collar. She would not have been out of place walking into the SJCC.

Today, the meal is chicken noodle soup, chili and pasta salad. There are apples and oranges, cookies, coffee and tea, as well, doled out by Joyce Willmot and Margo Montgomery. Some ask for more than the ladle- or scoopfull given, and Margo, Joyce and the other women on the line politely tell them that's all they can have for now, but to come back later.

The volunteers – most of the people who work at Shepherds are – try to remain upbeat and cheerful despite the circumstances. This particular Sunday is Mitzvah Day, and four members of the Jewish community are giving their time. Interestingly, there is a larger group from an Ottawa Hindu temple volunteering at the same time, meaning the Christian organization is being served on this Sunday mostly by Jews and Hindus.

Paul Morrisette, one of the Jewish community members who gave his time, spent the morning preparing sandwiches to hand out to people throughout the day. He and his three fellow Mitzvah Day participants cut and packaged about 600 sandwiches. They will all be gone by the end of the day.

When the lunch rush begins, Morrisette is busy ferrying dirty dishes from the back counter to the dishwashers, who quickly clean them and put them back into circulation. Most of the dishes are Mel Mac, cheap but able to survive just about anything up to a nuclear explosion. Some I recognize from working at Benix, a kitchenware store that donates incomplete sets to charity.

Watching this scenario unfold is humbling. At one point, one of the regular volunteers approaches me and asks me to put my pad and pen away, explaining that "some of these people get freaked out by their own voices, so seeing someone scribbling things just confirms all their paranoid fears."

However, the dedication of those regulars is truly remarkable. One short, dark-haired woman came in this Sunday because she wanted to be there to help the two special groups and show them what to do, despite the fact she had been in a car accident and still had a neck brace on. There are about 250 people who give their time on a regular basis.

Adults who volunteer at Shepherds often find it a humbling experience. I did, and I was simply observing, sitting with the poor, huddled masses, drinking brown coffee out of a chipped cup. But, as Morrisette told me during a lull, he was happy to give his time to Shepherds as part of Mitzvah Day. However cliché it sounds, this was an experience he won't soon forget.

For Willmot, Montgomery, Waterman, and myself, it certainly was.

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Orthodox ostracize Natorei Karta

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anti-Zionist belief. The opposition stems in large part from a fear the Natorei Karta will be seen to represent all of the ultra-Orthodox.

Rabbi Avi Shafran, director of public affairs for Agudath Israel of America, said the Natorei Karta who attended the conference represent a "sliver of a sliver" of the Orthodox community, and he added the Orthodox community has done everything possible to distance themselves from the radical group. Like the Natorei Karta, Agudath Israel also opposed the creation of the state. But today, Shafran said, they accept the reality of Israel and said the group has good relations with Israeli government officials.

The attempt by the ultra-Orthodox to distance themselves from the Jewish men who attended the conference in Teheran, "is all about fundraising," according to Professor Samuel Heilman, a sociology professor at Queens College in New York.

"Other groups recognize the appearance of somebody who looks like them, tars them all," said Heilman. "Besides the moral outrage, it is a real PR problem."

The Satmar, because of a shared commitment to anti-Zionism, feel particularly threatened.

"When the world sees someone who looks like me and goes to Iran and associates themselves with an enemy of the United States, so I have to raise hell and say I am not part of this," said Moshe Deutsch, a columnist for the Satmar newspaper in Brooklyn *Der Yid*.

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Canadian Rabbinic Caucus meets with PM and MPs

By Alexander Baker

So 20 rabbis walk into a room … and the prime minister is waiting to greet them. This was the scene on Parliament Hill December 5 when a group of rabbis came together from across Canada to form the Canadian Rabbinic Caucus (CRC).

The CRC is a newly created body representing all streams of Judaism and some of the most influential Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis in Canada attended the meeting. The group's purpose is to lobby the government on issues important to Jews and Israel, as well to provide a religious Jewish perspective to lawmakers.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper receives a plaque from Rabbi Reuven Bulka in appreciation for the PM's continuing support for Israel. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

"The core issue today is actually tolerance and civil discourse, but Iran is big, too, and tomorrow could be education, human rights," said Chaim Steinmetz, an Orthodox rabbi from Montreal.

"I would not be so presumptuous as to say we didn't have civil discourse before. We're just trying to maintain it," said Rabbi Reuven Bulka of the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue in Ottawa. "There's a lot of good energy between religious movements now, but we can't afford to have people on Parliament Hill saying 'kill all Jews.' This is an attempt to head off conflict, nip it in the bud."

However, promoting Israel and its interests is also an overarching goal. Shimon Fogel, CEO of the Canada-Israel Committee, gave the rabbis a short briefing and stressed the need for the new caucus to try to close the gap between the Liberal and Conservative position on Israel, so the Jewish state cannot become a political wedge issue. They also want to promote a pro-Israel stance on the international stage, including at the United Nations.

Fogel emphasized the need for a united voice from the rabbis in the CRC – if any division opens "our opponents will exploit it" – and "not to get suckered into answering questions about same-sex marriage" or other social issues.

"In order for this to work, rabbis cannot be partisan," Fogel said. "As soon as you start commenting on social issues you lose your objectivity and get associated with the political process and political parties. You have to be above that."

After briefings and breakfast, the rabbis – including five female Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis, the rabbi of the largest Orthodox synagogue in Canada and the rabbi of the oldest Jewish institution in Canada, a Sephardi synagogue in Montreal – went to Parliament Hill. Their first meeting was with the parliamentary secretary to the prime minister, Jason Kenney.

Kenney spoke to the rabbis frankly about his trip to Lebanon following this summer's Israel-Hezbollah war, his government's shift to a pro-Israel stance and Canada's diplomatic relationship with Syria and Iran.

"Support for Israel is a position we have to come to morally and honestly, not politically," he told the group in an East Block conference room. "The decision we have taken has actually been contrary to our best interests. No natural constituency leads us to this position and it has a great political cost."

The parliamentary secretary also made reference to an unspecified fund – possibly a part of next spring's budget – that would provide for security services at cultural and religious events and facilities. Kenney said there is little opposition to the initiative within the Conservative party, but details still need to be worked out.

Later that morning, four of the rabbis were taken to a Centre Block room to hold an official press conference. They rejoined the others for lunch and an afternoon of meetings with individual MPs. Jewish Montreal-area MP Irwin Cotler, among others, had lunch with the group.

Some of the rabbis, in Ottawa for the first time, took the opportunity to attend Question Period. Afterwards, they joined their colleagues in a face-to-face meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

"This was a chance for us to thank [Harper] for standing up for his principles," said Rabbi Bulka, who presented the prime minister with a plaque in appreciation. "I admire people who, when they see right and wrong, don't fudge about it. If anyone had any doubt this is his *modus operandi*, all they have to do is look at his policy on China. He's made Canada not this airy-fairy country."

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Cost of Jewish education major challenge facing day schools

Federation Report

Rabbi Zischa Shaps
Torah Academy

Editor's note: JFO Chair Ron Prehogan has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so they can provide some insight into their operations.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Torah Academy of Ottawa. A great deal of change has occurred over these 10 years, both in Torah Academy and in the Ottawa Jewish education system.

Today, there are more students attending Jewish high schools; however, there are also close to 100 fewer children attending Jewish day schools.

I believe the two most significant factors for the lower enrolment are less committed parents and the high cost of tuition. Our challenge as a community is to make tuition affordable enough for all. Our individual institutional challenge is how to make our schools as attractive as possible to all Jewish families.

Torah Academy has been meeting these challenges. We started in 1997 with 63 students. The challenge then was how to start a new school with students from nursery to Grade 8 without any known sources of funding. With a tremendous effort from parents and staff, we managed somehow. Parents volunteered for all sorts of things ranging from being the secretary to teaching. The Board of Trustees worked especially hard to run the school on a shoestring.

In our first few years, our enrolment did not grow. This was due to a combination of a number of our founding families making Aliyah to Israel during that time, and starting the school with greater numbers in our older grades. In our sixth year, things started to change and we were taking in more students than we graduated. This trend has seen Torah Academy grow from 54 students in 2001 to 93 in 2006.

Another major shift was the realization we were here to stay; Torah Academy is an established part of the Ottawa Jewish community. I recall meeting with a donor for the first time and being told he would not contribute to the school. A year later, when we met again, he made a significant contribution. When asked why he had changed his mind, he replied a year earlier he did not see any possibility for the school to survive, but we proved to be viable despite all odds (God's hand was evident) and he felt it was a worthy investment.

Torah Academy is proud of both our financial record and our academic record. We have never missed a payroll and are debt free. Our graduates are attending the universities and/or yeshivos of their choice and meeting with great success.

Torah Academy students fuse beads into a variety of Chanukah designs. Rabbi Shaps suggests a special fund be set up to make Jewish education more affordable.

Torah Academy has a very dedicated and professional staff of administrators and teachers. Judaic Principal Rabbi Yisroel Goldbaum and Secular Vice-Principal Rebecca Zuckerbrodt bring enthusiasm and professionalism to Torah Academy on a daily basis. A special mention must be made of the tireless efforts of our chair, Leah Scarowsky, whose dedication is beyond belief.

Ten years later, our challenge is how to continue to provide a quality education when 70 per cent of our students cannot even afford to pay half the cost of tuition. This year, Torah Academy is providing $340,000 in scholarships for students who cannot afford the full cost. (The full tuition of $7,500 does not cover the actual cost of education.) Many of our students come from large families and/or families whose parents work in the Jewish community and have chosen to be paid less than they might earn working in the general community.

Another major challenge facing us is children with special needs. For many of our students, attending another school is not an option. They would be more likely to leave Ottawa than attend a public school. We work very hard to provide resource and other assistance within our abilities. However, there are some children whose needs are beyond our resources and we are unable to adequately meet them.

All of our day schools are faced with similar issues. There are many children in public school today who would attend a day school if not for financial considerations. Our community has the financial wherewithal to provide for the educational needs of our children and we have a responsibility to ensure that all those who cannot afford full tuition are able to attend the day school of their choice.

I suggest a special fund be set up just for the day schools with an endowment of $10 million dollars to provide scholarships to children. These scholarships would be provided based on each family's need, not based on the school. If you are interested in joining me in working on this project, please contact me.

Look inward before reaching out to the unaffiliated

From the pulpit

Rabbi Charles Popky
Agudath Israel

As you have read from previous articles in the *Bulletin*, our community is beginning the important project of outreach, trying to connect those Jews who have not been engaged by our tradition and to draw closer Jews who have not involved themselves in, or connected themselves with our Jewish community.

Now many institutions and organizations within our community have already been active in such outreach activities, and we hope the larger community's focus on outreach (as well as the influx of some funds) will both strengthen and broaden those efforts, while inspiring creative new approaches for conveying the power and beauty of our tradition and the significance and fulfillment of identifying with community.

But, before we begin reaching out, it might be worthwhile to first turn inward.

Before we "market" ourselves to others, we should make sure we ourselves understand our "product" and its importance to us.

Before we can engage others, we have to make sure we ourselves are engaged.

Many of us are involved on some level in the community: We belong to synagogues and the SJCC, our children are educated in a community school and we contribute our time and our money to support different organizations and institutions.

But what is the nature of that involvement?

Is it as deep as it could or should be? Is it even as deep as we profess it to be?

Why are we involved in the ways we are?

Why do we connect ourselves with the organizations and institutions that we do?

Are our values and beliefs truly reflected in the quality of our participation in the community?

Do or, even could, our children learn about our commitment to Judaism from the nature of our involvement in the Jewish community and its institutions?

In short, if we are to welcome and draw unconnected and unengaged Jews into our community, we must first demonstrate our connection and our engagement. We have to do a *heshbon ha-nefesh*, an "account-taking of our soul," to deeply explore and understand our own bond to Judaism and thereby transform mere involvement to passionate commitment.

In Kabbalah, God creates the universe through a process of emanation: the Divine reaches out, expanding through worlds and dimensions to form physical reality.

In describing the mystery of this creation, Yitzhaq Luria (the *Ari*) explains that it begins with the act of *Tsimtsum*, Divine contraction. Before God begins the process of "outreach," God turns inward.

If we are going to reach out to create a dynamic, passionate Jewish community, we will first have to turn inward, making sure that dynamism and passion is emanating from our hearts.

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Building community, one good deed at a time

Editor

Barry Fishman

The organizers would have considered it a success if 200 people had shown up.

To their surprise and delight, close to 350 individuals, both young and old, participated in the second annual Young Adult Division (YAD) Federation Mitzvah Day in December.

The SJCC and Hillel Lodge were bursting at the seams.

Parents with young children painted ceramic tiles to be placed on the wall in the tunnel running between the SJCC and Hillel Lodge, others decorated challah covers and packed Shabbat supplies for the JFS Shalom Bayit program (peace in the home), groups of teens put together special Chanukah gift packages for families in need and others spent time doing crafts with seniors at Hillel Lodge.

In the general community, people fanned out to prepare and serve lunch at Shepherds of Good Hope and to pack food at the kosher and regular food banks.

"We really wanted to make it inclusive," says Sharon Frenkel, development associate for YAD.

"Although it was based out of the Jewish Federation, we didn't want to limit it to Jewish organizations that we were doing activities for. We wanted to make it Jewish and Ottawa-wide organizations."

Temple Israel's social action committee organized a letter-writing campaign for Amnesty International at the SJCC. As part of "feeding the street" program, teens and others packaged 150 lunch bags for the Jewish Family Services (JFS) Street Smarts program, which helps the homeless, and for Centre 454, a downtown teen drop-in centre. Many signed up to donate blood. A group of students from Torah High's Mitzvah Action Corps were so inspired by Mitzvah Day they went as a group to donate blood for the first time later that week.

Frenkel was amazed by the generosity of people who took down a star – listing items JFS needed – from the Helping Hand board and returned later with items such as toiletries, socks, gloves, hats and nicely wrapped Chanukah gifts for those in need.

"We were amazed at the amount of stuff we got. It took two fully loaded cars to transport it to JFS," she says.

"It was very inspiring that the community came out and did that."

So inspiring that some would like to see the Federation partner with others to make it an Ottawa-wide event involving members from all faith groups and cultures.

Evan Zelikovitz, co-chair of Mitzvah Day with his wife Lenora, couldn't agree more.

"There is no reason why it should be just about the Jewish community," he says. "What a wonderful message we would be sending if different groups in our city worked together to make the world a better place."

Mitzvah Day was successful because it was well organized and, most importantly, because all the synagogues, schools – including the supplementary ones that cancelled Sunday classes to take part – and every agency and organization not only bought into the idea of Mitzvah Day, but aggressively promoted it to their members.

Mitzvah Day isn't about giving money. It is about teaching philanthropy through action and giving of your time and energy to help others.

"We want Mitzvah Day to be about coming and doing. Not coming and paying," says Frenkel.

Hillel Academy student Eiana Moscoe, whose essay won the Mitzvah Day Contest, says writing the story "made me realize how important it is to do good deeds for others."

It was a message heard loud and clear.

The day exceeded all expectations. Everywhere you went on campus everybody seemed to be excited about helping out and many want the program expanded. Setting aside a special day to teach your children about philanthropy and asking only for you to give your energy and time to help those in need struck a cord with the community.

People heard about Mitzvah Day through the media and, for some, this was their first time attending a Federation event.

"There were so many new faces. Our committee members would go around and introduce themselves ... It was really a nice lesson, particularly for the unaffiliated, because they could see that the Federation is not always about calling you to ask you to give money," says Frenkel.

Part of the Federation's mandate is to find ways to reach out to the unaffiliated. Mitzvah Day may be one of those ways.

For the unaffiliated, their entry point into the community is helping both Jewish and Ottawa organizations assist those in need by actively participating in an event of their choice. The extra bonus is they get to meet some interesting people and see first hand what a caring, open and welcoming community we are.

Will Mitzvah Days in the future involve the general community? Frenkel hopes so.

"Mitzvah Day can't be too insular. It needs to involve the entire Jewish community both affiliated and unaffiliated. The reality is that we are not looking at exclusively Jewish programming.

"So why should we have only Jews doing the programs. If someone wants to come out, role up their sleeves and help, it shouldn't matter if they are Jewish, Hindu, Muslim or Christian. The point of Mitzvah Day is to give back to the community."

One good deed at a time.

What does it mean to be human?

Alexander Baker

Sometimes I wake up in the morning and it takes me a moment to realize the hand wiping the hair out of my face is my own, that I am the one controlling it, that it's *me* in this body.

But that is not what makes us human. Is it conscious thought? The ability to tell right from wrong? The ability to manipulate the environment around us?

Maybe these are questions we don't ask enough, taking our superiority over the animal kingdom for granted. But as I look at the world today, the question is not what it means to be part of the 6-billion-strong human race, but what it means to be Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or any other religion.

Just exactly what does it mean to be Jewish? Is it believing in the Torah, or being descendants of Abraham, or God's chosen people, or just keeping kosher and going to synagogue?

In my own case, I was born Jewish and have never really had cause to question my Jewish nature. I may disagree with some of the tenets of the religion, but I am consistent in my practices and serious about the elements I do follow.

We need to ask what it means to belong to a religion because, the fact is, religion is driving the events of the 21st century, through terrorism, the war on terror and the reactions in developed and non-developed nations alike.

Religion is at least partly responsible for clashes between Sunni and Shia Muslims in Iraq, tribal conflicts in Africa, or the Tibetans and communist Chinese. Wars not strictly religious in nature sometimes adopt the guise of religious struggle in order to gain recruits and international sympathy, such as the conflict in Chechnya.

You've probably read many columns such as this one in the past six years, since September 11 created a new world order full of axes of evil, racial profiling, immigration controls, counterterrorism measures and mangled subway cars.

I'm not an optimist, and I don't believe all of the differences between Muslims and Jews, Tamils and the Sri Lankan government, or Hutus and Tutsis, can be solved just by sitting down at the same table. That would be unrealistic.

Instead, I believe we should all remember that virtually every religion has committed terrible crimes and acts of violence in the name of their god. Islamists may be the current perpetrators of religious extremism, but Jews, Christians, Hindus ... there are no exceptions. Even Buddhism, a religion in which all life is sacred, has been corrupted for deadly purposes.

Most Jewish people around the world support Israel, many almost blindly. It is not exactly common knowledge bloody terrorist attacks in Palestine prior to the 1948 independence were one of many factors in the creation of the state of Israel. Menachem Begin, a future prime minister and the man who made peace with Egypt's Anwar Sadat, began his political career as the leader of the Irgun, a covert Zionist group that attacked British and Arab targets within the territory in order to press the case for a Jewish homeland.

The Irgun carried out hundreds of attacks against the British between 1945 and 1948, most infamously the bombing in 1946 of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem that killed 91 people, mostly civilians. They also hanged two British soldiers in retaliation for the British hanging of Irgun members and to shock and horrify the British people into pressuring their government into giving the Jews back their holy land.

I am not trying to vilify Jews or Israelis as criminals or terrorists. How many people have died in the name of Christianity over the past 2,000 years? The Crusades, witch trials and the Spanish Inquisition, for example, killed hundreds of thousands. A Hindu extremist assassinated Mahatma Ghandi in 1948; in 1995, the Aum Shinrikyo cult, under the guise of Buddhist purity, killed 12 people on a Tokyo subway with deadly Sarin gas, poisoning more than 1,000 others.

So, as we condemn Muslim terror, we should remember violence has been done in the name of all religions, including Judaism. Admitting that doesn't mean we are hypocrites for abhorring Islamic extremism and terror. What it does mean is that we are human.

Cube Gallery responds to artist's accusations, plans pro-Israel exhibit

I am the owner of the Cube Gallery. In the last issue of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, a number of charges and accusations were levelled against me by the artist, Tavi Weisz. Since the reporter, Kinneret Globerman, did not contact me about these accusations, I would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight.

Globerman wrote, "Apparently, the owner had difficulty accepting the fact that there were also innocent Israeli civilians dying and being displaced as a result of the war in Lebanon ..." Yet, in the same article she accurately describes my call for art that was against a war which affected civilians on all sides, including Israelis.

More to the point, there were a number of horrible deaths that were due to the thousands of rockets fired into Israel by Hamas. I am aware of that and I continue to be horrified by it, as any compassionate person would be. I am disturbed by the deaths of innocents in any war. This was, after all, an *Art Against War* show.

Globerman also quotes Weisz saying that I asked him "point blank in a disturbing way if he was a Jew." This statement has serious undertones. While it is true that I asked Weisz what his cultural background is, and if he is Jewish, the reason I did this was valid.

He walked into my gallery and presented a large painting depicting a map of Israel spattered with blood. Also depicted were a number of Stars of David and various texts in Hebrew. I was acting with due diligence in asking this young man (whom I did not know) what his relationship was to these images and texts. Surely this is reasonable?

As I am not Jewish, nor a Hebrew speaker, I needed to be sure he was using these powerfully loaded images and texts in a respectful way. Occasionally an artist will naively appropriate images and improperly or inadvertently offend. This was not the case with Weisz, and I had no problem including his painting in the show.

People who know my gallery are aware there are no places "out of plain sight" as Weisz implies. The gallery is a large and open square with a few corners. In fact, the painting was hung in a corner spot with its own spotlight. My patrons certainly saw Weisz's painting, and many commented upon it.

I would have appreciated an opportunity to respond to these accusations before they were printed in public. I will continue to cherish those Jewish patrons, artists, friends and colleagues who have contacted me to express their dismay over the inaccuracies expressed in this article. In fact, some of these other artists could have been contacted to see if there was any foundation to these accusations, or if they had been treated in a similar fashion.

I like to think the spirit of Cube Gallery is one of openness and inclusiveness. I spent some time trying to think of a response that would be positive. To that end, I am pleased to continue this dialogue and build on the issues of racism that came out of the *Art Against War* show.

I invite your readers to come to my gallery this year when I hold a major show that addresses issues concerning Canadian/Jewish artists living in Canada. It seems timely, with the recent news of anti-Jewish gatherings in Iran and elsewhere, to mount a show with a distinctly pro-Israeli agenda. The show will be mounted with the help of, and in concert with, a number of Jewish artists who have shown here at Cube – dates and times will be announced in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*.

I also invite any artists in your readership to make a submission to the gallery to be a part of this juried show.

If you are interested in submitting, please contact the Gallery at 613-728-1750 or *info@donmonet.ca*.

Don Monet,
Cube Gallery

The Cube Gallery is a large and open square with a few corners. (Photo: Dan Monet)

Mailbag

Artist 'given fair exposure'

Dear Editor,

I was bewildered when I read the interview with Tavi Weisz in the December 4, 2006 issue. I attended the exhibit, *Art Against War*, at Cube Gallery in which his painting, *Never Again* was displayed.

Weisz's work was not hung in the back, but rather in the middle of the gallery. It is such a strong work that I was immediately drawn to it. After looking at it, and reading the slogan *Am Israel Hai*, I knew the artist was Jewish. My next reaction was confusion because the message is not a statement against war. I mentioned my response to gallery owner, Don Monet. I do not remember Monet's exact words, but his reply was something to the effect of, "You can't control artistic expression."

I am sorry Tavi Weisz felt unsupported by Cube Gallery. From my perspective, as a public viewer, I felt he was given fair exposure.

Toby Brooks

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Robin Mader, 2007 Telethon Chair

Robin Mader is looking forward to 10 am, Sunday, January 28. That's when the first relay of almost 100 volunteer callers takes to the phones officially launching the 2007 Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon. Robin is chair of the event and, for eight hours – from 10 am to 6 pm – phones will be ringing across the city as JNF blankets the Ottawa Jewish community in its annual Tu Bi'Shevat drive to plant trees in Israel.

This year, monies raised by the Telethon will be directed towards a JNF Emergency Campaign designed to help replant, rebuild and restore Israel's forest and agricultural lands destroyed by Hezbollah Katyusha rockets. Nearly one million trees have been destroyed.

Chair Mader's longstanding commitment to JNF connection is deep and sincere. "I am delighted to be overseeing the 2007 Telethon," says the former Montrealer, who has called Ottawa home for many years. "My father, Nathan Scott, served as national president of JNF and he was also JNF Montréal's Negev Dinner honouree 30-plus years ago.

"Moshe Dayan was the keynote speaker that evening," she remembers.

"My Dad is 89 years old now and he still goes into the JNF Montreal office. In fact, he brings in about $100,000 each year for their Telethon. So," she chuckles, "I've had a great teacher and I'm looking forward to emulating him.

"I've always found people are really happy to contribute to the Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon," she says. "And, of course, if anyone wants to purchase a tree or trees in honour or in memory of someone, JNF will send out the appropriate card to the recipient."

The Regional Group has donated its spacious new offices at 1737 Woodward Drive for the event. Lots of free parking! Plenty of good food and hot/cold drinks are being donated to fuel the volunteers.

Volunteers are being asked to select a two hour stint between 10 am and 6 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer is invited to email or telephone the JNF office at 613-798-2411. Pitch in and spend a delightful two hours for a very good cause.

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Israel meant for Jews: Muslim prof

By Maxine Miska

These days, newspapers and TV broadcasts are filled with Muslim clerics denouncing Israel and the Jewish people, quoting the Koran, comparing Jews to monkeys.

Yet, traditionally, Islam has assigned the Jews a protected status as the "people of the book," and Jewish forbears Abraham, Isaac and Moses are important figures in Islam.

This appears contradictory. What does the Koran really say about Jews? Is there a difference between the classic Islamic texts and the rhetoric of fundamentalist imams and ayatollahs?

On Sunday, February 4 at 7:30 pm at the SJCC, Professor Khaleel Mohammed, an expert in religious studies at San Diego State University, will address these questions in a lecture on "The Islamic Conundrum: The Koran, the Jews and Israel."

Dr. Mohammed, a proponent of moderate Islam and a scholar of Islamic law and Koranic interpretation, will clarify and interpret what is written in the Koran about Jews and the land of Israel.

Dr. Mohammed takes a two-pronged approach.

He begins with the moral imperatives of Islam: the quest for justice and fair treatment of individuals as the foundation for relations between Islam and Judaism.

Prof. Khaleel Mohammed

Then he explains what the Koran says about the Jews, discusses medieval interpretations of these texts and contrasts them with contemporary political rhetoric. For example, Dr. Mohammed stresses the importance of the Jewish prophetic lineage in Islam, particularly Moses.

In his analysis he concludes, based on passages in the Koran, the land of Israel was meant for the Jews. He also quotes medieval interpreters who corroborate this interpretation.

According to Dr. Mohammed, the notion Israel should not belong to the Jews is product of modern post-colonialism.

Dr. Mohammed's research and teaching interests include issues relating Islam to Judaism, gender, human rights, interpretation of the Koran and Islamic reform.

The lecture is sponsored by the Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies at Carleton University, the Canadian Academic Friends of Israel and the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program. There is no admission charge.

For more information, call Maxine Miska, director of programming, SJCC at 613-798-9818, ext. 263 or *mmiska@jccottawa.com*.

Abortion, cosmetic surgery in Jewish law topics of lecture

The Ottawa Torah Institute is sponsoring the third annual Adina Ben-Porat Memorial Lecture on medical ethics. Last year's lecture dealt with patient rights and experimental therapy.

This year's lecture is called "A Woman's Right Over Her Own Body: A Jewish Ethical Perspective."

The featured speaker is Rabbi Eliezer Ben-Porat, dean of the Ottawa Torah Institute and Machon Sarah High School for Girls. It is on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:30 pm at the SJCC.

Rabbi Ben-Porat is a noted scholar of Judaic law and is widely published in the field. This year, he will discuss the topics of abortion, cosmetic surgery and dieting from the perspective of Judaic law and tradition.

In the case of abortion, the rabbi will deal with Jewish prohibition against the procedure and what circumstances may permit abortion.

Other topics will be instances when cosmetic surgery is permissible and whether dieting is considered self-affliction.

Tickets are $25 general admission and $15 for students and seniors (age 60 and over). Refreshments will follow.

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However, explains Rabbi Blum, "this course will help you assess where you are today, and will provide long-term strategies for making changes that are lasting and real."

Every winter for the last five years, Rabbi Blum's popular Kabbalah courses have attracted hundreds of students. "The Kabbalah of Character" is a new course offered this year at the SJCC. It helps students identify their particular dispositions and strengths, then helps them find ways to make the most of the gifts they have been given.

Drawing on the organizational structure of the Kabbalah, the course examines the nature of the human soul, created in the image of God. It includes wisdom to amaze and stories to inspire, as well as journal exercises and practical tools to help students apply the lessons to their own lives.

"The course invites you to choose from among a wealth of reflective approaches to chart your own path to personal growth," says Rabbi Blum, the local Jewish Learning Institute coordinator. "It provides tools to help you develop yourself and find new meaning in each day."

The course will be offered at the SJCC for eight Tuesdays, starting January 23. It costs $90, which includes a textbook.

"We are so sure you will enjoy it" says Rabbi Blum, "that we invite anyone interested to attend the first lesson free, with no obligation."

The course is presented by the Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), the adult education arm of Chabad-Lubavitch. JLI classes and programs are now offered in more than 250 locations worldwide. Since its creationin 1998, nearly 40,000 people have attended JLI classes and programs. Hundreds of thousands of others have participated virtually through JLI's online message boards and other internet-based channels.

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Russian duo brilliant on Gould's old piano

By Adele Grosman

The Long Island Piano Duo from New York – Yelena and Vladimir Polezhayev, a husband and wife team of brilliant, multi-dimensional and accomplished pianists – is coming back to Ottawa with a new, exciting concert.

Waltz, Tango and Favorite Classics will take place at 7:30 pm on Monday, January 29, 2007 at the National Library and Archives Canada.

Last year's concert, *Mozart to Gershwin*, thrilled the audience and left no one indifferent. Renowned musicians both, Yelena and Vladimir played a large variety of favourites and incorporated popular Jewish and Russian tunes into their arrangements.

It was equally exciting for the duo to perform on the beautiful Steinway grand piano once belonging to great Canadian musician Glenn Gould. He used it to practise in his Toronto apartment on St. Clair Avenue West. The piano was acquired from the Glenn Gould Estate by the National Library of Canada shortly after his death in 1983.

Barbara Florio Graham, an Ottawa writer and musicologist who was in the audience at their first concert, wrote in a letter to the Polezhayevs, "I was amazed at the combination of power, sensitivity and wit in both the arrangements and your performance. I hope to see you back in Canada again soon!"

Piano duo Yelena and Vladimir Polezhayev

This year's concert opens with the *Voices of Spring* waltz by Johann Strauss the Son and features several works by Mozart, in honour of his 250th birthday.

Yelena and Vladimir left Russia in 1990 and travelled to the United States because Yelena's Jewish roots made their future uncertain. Today their ability to mix the serious with humour makes the duo unique and always impresses the audience.

Advance tickets: adults $25, seniors and students $20. Tickets at the door: adults $28, seniors and students $23. Also available at: TicketWeb, online *www.ticketweb.ca*, or by phone: 888-222-6608.

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Helen Marshall

Working with other faiths to repair the world

By Rubin Friedman

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa is working with synagogues and other faith institutions on two key initiatives to bring about a world of greater justice and understanding: the Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) and *Walking God's Paths*.

As a contribution to Mitzvah Day and in partnership with MHI, the Federation is promoting awareness of the need for affordable housing. In the Chanukah edition of the *Bulletin*, the Federation distributed the MHI brochure and membership form.

In 2005, there were more than 9,000 households on the Ottawa waiting list for access to affordable housing and the number remains at astronomical levels.

MHI board members include Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Protestant and Catholic representatives. As well, the Federation, Adath Shalom and Temple Israel are among its institutional members.

Gay Richardson, secretary of MHI, notes, "We have had some success with fundraising from private donors so that we have been able to partner with private developers, the city, province and the federal government in the Somerset Gardens apartment development at Somerset and Bank. But, in order to go further, it is urgent that we broaden our base."

For Richardson, her work on affordable housing is driven by a core principle of Christianity, "love thy neighbour as thyself."

Fran Klodawsky, vice-president of MHI, expressed appreciation all members felt for "Rabbi Bulka's eloquent linkage of the MHI mandate to Jewish values in his keynote address to our AGM in May."

Muslim members of the board link their participation to the principle of "zakat," which is closer in meaning to the Hebrew "tzedakah" than the English word "charity" because it relates to the obligation to achieve justice.

Those interested in getting further information can find the MHI brochure on the Jewish Federation of Ottawa website (*jewishottawa.com*).

A six-week grass-roots encounter between Christians and Jews is being sponsored by the Jewish-Christian Dialogue of Ottawa. *Walking God's Paths* is a six-session process to stimulate candid conversation between Jewish and Christian congregations.

Rabbi Carten, co-chair of the Jewish-Christian Dialogue says, "The Torah commands us to respond to the needs of our neighbours. Interfaith study, dialogue and projects are means by which we can fulfill our religious obligations to repair the world and make it a more faithful environment."

The series, produced by the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning on behalf of the National Council of Synagogues and the Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, consists of 15-minute discussion-starting videotapes and a detailed online user's guide containing dialogue questions and resources.

Participants will experience each tradition's understanding of how it walks God's path and how the two faith communities could relate to one another in positive ways.

The sessions take place at Agudath Israel Synagogue and Saint Basil's Church until February 28, 2007.

For more information contact Lisa Kurg of Agudath Israel at 613-728-3501 or e-mail *barbara@agudathisrael.net*.

Evelyn Greenberg music endowment achieves goal

The University of Ottawa's Tabaret Hall was the scene of a packed house of donors to the Evelyn Greenberg Music Endowment when Vice-President David Mitchell announced the $500,000 goal had been reached. More than 250 donors from the music, Jewish and general Ottawa community supported the endowment. The fund allows the university to maintain, renew and purchase instruments for use by its students.

World renowned pianist Angela Hewitt, honorary chair of the endowment and a former student of Greenberg, performed for the guests. Endowment Co-chair Myrna and Norman Barwin were also recognized for their efforts.

For further information or to contribute to the fund, call 613-562-5800, ext. 3427.

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CASEY SWEDLOVE: 1914-2006

'The foundation beneath the Foundation'

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

He spent his life in the movie theatre business, but it was from the Ottawa Jewish community that Casey Swedlove received an 'Oscar.'

In June, 1995, the then-Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir presented Casey Swedlove with the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, the highest tribute the community can bestow for exceptional service. Casey, it was universally agreed, was a most deserving recipient. For this fine and gentle man, who died on December 11, 2006, it was one of the proudest moments of his life.

"Dad was so touched that he was chosen for this honour," his daughter Carol-Sue Shapiro remembers. "He felt like he was winning an Oscar at the Academy Awards."

Casey received the coveted award in recognition of his unwavering dedication to the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation. In many ways, Casey was the foundation beneath the Foundation.

Actively involved from the moment the Foundation was constituted in 1972, Casey understood and strongly believed in its underlying concept. For almost three decades, he attended countless board meetings, met with potential donors, planted seeds of interest in others, and wrote Foundation-related articles for the *Bulletin* – all in a volunteer capacity.

Today, from an initial gift of $100,000 from the estate of the late Michael Freedman, the Foundation has grown to a total capital of $39 million. In no small measure, a portion of that growth be attributed to Casey's wise counsel and quiet strength over the years.

Casey Swedlove

Kusial 'Casey' Swedlove was born in Markham, Ontario in 1914. Life was not easy for his Lithuanian immigrant parents, who often moved their family from one small Ontario town to another as his father tried to make a living.

When Kusial entered first grade in Stouffville, his teacher, feeling the unusual name would set him apart from his peers, suggested to his mother that he be called Casey. Casey he became and Casey he remained for life.

In New Liskeard, tragedy struck when Casey's father died in a fire that ravaged their flat above his parents' dry goods store. Casey, his mother and brother Harold eventually opened a general store in Kemptville that later grew into a successful furniture business.

Casey met his beloved Bess at a Young Judea Convention in Toronto. Theirs was a love story enduring for 66 happy years. Soon after they married, Casey purchased a movie theatre in Cardinal, Ontario. Casey attended to business, Bess sold tickets and staffed the refreshment stand. He went on to own two theatres in Ottawa, two in Hull, one in Prescott, and his original investment in Cardinal.

Casey's grandchildren, Michael and Tracy Shapiro, paid tribute to their grandfather. In her eulogy, Tracy said, "When they made my grandfather, they broke the mould. I truly believe a person like him comes along only once in a million years and, although the accomplishments of this righteous and humble man extend farther than the eye can see, what is important are each person's special memories of the time they spent with him."

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BESS GREENBERG: 1906-2006

Bess's legacy lives on through her children and her generosity

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

Bess Greenberg was blessed and she knew it. Her three daughters had given her nine grandchildren, and the grandchildren gave her 20 great-grandchildren. She lived to celebrate her 100th birthday in good health. Her financial situation allowed her to enjoy a privileged lifestyle and to make a difference in the lives of others. It was a very good run.

But things were not always so rosy. Early on, Bess had learned that, sometimes in life, you have no one to lean on but yourself.

She was born Bess Schecter in Lachine, Quebec on May 1, 1906, the fourth in a family of seven children. Her parents, Ukrainian emigrants, had settled in Lachine where her father prospered in business. Bess enjoyed a loving, carefree childhood. And then everything changed.

When Bess was just 11 years old, her mother became ill and died. In memoirs for her children, Bess wrote, "With my mother's death, everything changed. Never again was I ever really a child. Never again did I have someone to whom I could turn for those things only a mother can provide. The pattern for self-reliance and the rigid rules by which I have lived were set, I believe, then and there."

Bess Greenberg

Bess was living and working in Montreal when she met and fell in love with Moe Greenberg. They married and Bess set up housekeeping in Ottawa, his hometown. In time, daughters Laya, Syrille and Elissa came along. Life was good and predictable. Then, just 16 years into their happy marriage, Moe became ill and died and Bess's world turned upside down again.

Now responsible for supporting three children, Bess took over running L. Greenberg and Son, the Billings Bridge grocery/general store where Moe worked to the last day of his life. When she had the opportunity to sell the business, Bess accepted an invitation from her brother-in-law, neophyte lawyer Michael Greenberg, to work in his fledgling law firm. Michael's practice grew quickly in those post-war years and he became involved in mortgage financing. His invitation to Bess to enter into a second-mortgage partnership was the catalyst behind her ultimate financial success.

That financial success allowed Bess to be generous on many fronts. In the early 1970s, she was the first woman to pledge $100,000 to the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, directing the annual income from the Mrs. Bess (Moe) Greenberg Fund to be equally divided between Hillel Academy and Hillel Lodge.

In 1991, she was honoured by State of Israel Bonds for her considerable philanthropy in both the Jewish and general communities.

"I have never sought public recognition," she wrote, "But, that evening as I looked around the beautifully appointed room at those who had come to pay tribute to me, it seemed the culmination of a life well-lived and I was filled with an immense pride."

The most visible evidence of her philanthropy is the building proudly bearing the legend The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge on Ottawa's Jewish Home for the Jewish Aged situated on the Jewish Community Campus.

Bess Greenberg died on November 25, 2006 but, through her beautiful family and her exemplary generosity, Bess's legacy lives on.

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Reporter makes first and last visit with Santa Claus

By Ariel Vered

I stepped off the escalator in apprehension. I was at the entrance of Macy's SantaLand. I was steps away from the hallowed holiday tradition of visiting the head honcho of the North Pole. I knew if I crossed that threshold, there would be a fundamental shift in the cosmos. I was a Santa virgin.

I had come to SantaLand in search of something I had never experienced before. My parents had never taken me to visit Santa; I never had the joy of confiding my cherished Christmas gift wishes. Given that I am Jewish, I'll forgive my parents for this injustice. Nevertheless, I felt I had been denied a significant cultural experience.

I approached the entrance, where an elf cheerily beckoned passersby to "Come see Santa. There's no line." Apparently, SantaLand was not busy on weekdays. It was a Wednesday at 1:40 pm.

I felt cheated. I had heard horror stories of waiting forever on the absurdly long line, of children screaming and crying, of the boredom and misery that must precede the joy of meeting Santa. I wanted my first time to be perfect, the quintessential Santa experience. I guess meeting Santa at age 22 is much like waiting to have sex until marriage: the longer you wait, the more you are setting yourself up for disappointment.

Imagine if the "It's a Small World" Disney Land ride went on a road trip and took a wrong turn north; trees with anthropomorphized faces and tiny bears helplessly swaying to and fro to Christmas songs amidst an overabundance of fake snow. Such is the spectacle of SantaLand.

Waiting in line, I was puzzled by the prevalence of old people. They presumably had learned decades ago that – SPOILER ALERT – Santa is not real. I suppose I had assumed that, like hanging out at the mall, after a certain age, it's just tragic. I thought visiting Santa was reserved for parents who made their young children cry by forcing them to sit on the lap of a strange fat man for the family Christmas card.

Ariel Vered, no longer a Santa virgin.

While I had never personally experienced the joy of Santa, I had viewed many a Christmas-themed movie. I wondered what temperament of Santa I would encounter. I secretly hoped for the caustic, foul-mouthed Billy Bob Thornton Santa of *Bad Santa*. But given I was at Macy's SantaLand, I suspected I would meet a Santa stone-facedly committed to his Santaness.

A mere 20 minutes later, I found myself at the gateway to Santa's village. Party of one; was the greeter elf judging me? I was uncomfortable enough at the idea of sitting on an old man's lap. This is exactly the sort of behaviour I normally try to avoid when I go out to bars.

An elf named Munchkin led me to one of many Santa houses. Armed with my reporter's notebook, I asked if I could interview Santa. A manager, Jeff, delivered the unfortunate news I would have to arrange in advance to interview Santa. I was disappointed, but not surprised. Even Santa has PR people.

I had yet to sit on Santa's lap. I re-entered SantaLand, where the line was still disappointingly short. It took me 10 minutes to arrive once again at the gateway to Santa's village.

An elf named Icicle took me to a different Santa house and asked me if I had been good this year.

"Does this face look like it could do anything bad?" I asked.

I asked her how long she had been working for Santa. She replied she's always working in the North Pole. I felt a little sad for her commitment to the elf persona.

Santa invited me to sit on his lap. I wondered how many others had been already today. I knew I wasn't special, but Santa was determined to make me feel so.

Santa asked me what I wanted. I had prepared for this query.

"It depends. What's more viable – world peace or peace in the Middle East?" I asked.

Santa replied, "Both are kind of good, but Santa is so happy that you didn't ask for some material thing like a Mercedes Benz or a necklace, something that Santa can't always promise."

He then launched into a rehearsed monologue about how Santa would always love me and bless me with peace, love, health and happiness. It only lasted 15 seconds, but I have never felt more uncomfortable in my life. How this man could recite this saccharine speech with a straight face to innumerable masses, young and old, day in and day out, simply amazed me.

I waited in line and purchased my photo with Santa. And then, having impressed Santa with my non-materialistic, humanitarian Christmas wish, I went off to peruse the Macy's sales.

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Chinese seniors learn the meaning of Chanukah with Creative Connections members.

Chinese seniors celebrate Chanukah with AJA 50+

By Barry Fishman

A very special cross-cultural Chanukah celebration was held with members of the Chinese community and AJA 50+ Creative Connections members at the SJCC.

The event featured a talk on Chinese culture and customs, a live presentation on Chinese arts and music, including calligraphy, painting, Tai Chi, folk and contemporary songs and live music on a Yi-Wu musical instrument and a recorder.

The story of Chanukah was explained and the participants lit the Chanukah candles together enjoying a lunch of latkes and sufganiyot.

The event was a great cross-cultural experience for both the Chinese and Jewish seniors.

Millie Scaenfield, a Creative Connections member, noted, "You never stop learning, even at our age. The Chinese culture is so beautiful. Learning about other cultures is so important. We are quite similar aren't we?"

Rose Leimovici adds, "I found everything very interesting; we learned so much about the Chinese community. We should do this more often. I especially enjoyed the demonstration tables. I'm going to try and make my way to Chinatown to buy a real teapot."

The Chinese seniors also found the new experience enjoyable.

"The Jewish seniors were amazed to see the Chinese calligraphy and enjoyed demonstrations of Tai Chi and Chinese music," said Sharon Yu. "The Chinese seniors were interested in learning the origin of Chanukah. We had a good time with all the nice friends."

For Norman and Vivian Toy, it was the first time they had attended a Chanukah party.

"We enjoyed and learned the meaning of Chanukah, the miracle, symbol of the eight candles," they said. "The people were so warm and friendly. We certainly will try the recipe of traditional potato latkes."

Creative Connections is a joint program of AJA 50+ and the SJCC and runs on Tuesdays, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, 30 weeks per year in 10-week sessions from September to June. It is a weekly social opportunity for isolated seniors. Transportation is provided for those who request it, through a series of car pools. Participants enjoy a special exercise program called "Chai chi" and a morning and afternoon program consisting of a lecture, concert or party.

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Israeli students visit Ottawa at Chanukah

Dr. Ron Weiss, chair of Ottawa's P2K program, with visiting Northern Israeli students and students from Temple Israel Religious School as they celebrate Chanukah at the Soloway JCC. The students also visited the Museum of Civilization, met First Nations students, visited the Byward Market and ate Beavertails.

Benlolo Afternoon School shines

Students of the Benlolo Afternoon School display their love for Jewish heritage during the holiday of Chanukah. You can see it ... it shines on their faces.

(Photo: Leo Rich)

A Chanukah reflection

By Mary Brauner

Chanukah is my most favorite holiday. Sure, the lighting of candles, the latkes ... but most important, it is a time to be reminded of the personal miracles in my life.

A year ago for Chanukah, at the last minute, I was invited to go to a JETsetter's Chanukah party. My friend Sara insisted I go with her. I did not know any of the people who belonged to JET and suddenly the confident, socially dynamic person Sara knew me as simply disappeared. My mind was flooded with "I don't know the Chanukah songs ... what will these people think of me? I had never felt comfortable in any Jewish community ... Oh God I do not even go to shul."

Then I remembered something my Lebanese friend told me. Jews practically invented the word community. We are all family. So I felt better as I arrived at the party. The closet was overflowing with coats and boots. I was greeted with kindness and warmth. People could not wait to introduce themselves. I was still at the entrance. I hadn't even taken off my shoes.

Oh no! A huge hole in my sock! I looked up and saw a rabbi walk from one room into another. Guilt was written across my face. Honesty is best, right? So I came to one conclusion. I would simply announce the hole in my sock to the next person who shock my hand. I got plenty of laughs and comments on how cute my sock was with the hole in it and what a great fashion statement it was.

So that night I made new friends.

That was the best Chanukah I ever had. I had so much fun. That was Chanukah 2005.

During the year, I went to a couple of events, but did not see my new friends very often. This year, I got an e-mail to attend the Chanukah party again.

The best part was everyone remembered me and I had lots of laughs. They made me feel special, as though a whole year had never passed.

I also invited my friend Gabrielle to come. Gabrielle is from Edmonton and never had any involvement with other Jews. She fit right in. We met new people, some who moved here from Toronto, Montreal and other cities.

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Torah Academy entertains seniors

Torah Academy's Grade 5-6-7 girls perform a Chanukah skit for Hillel Lodge residents. The performance was followed by socializing, which was enjoyed by all.

Prime Minister Harper attends menorah lighting on Parliament Hill

Unlike the performance of other *mitzvot*, which are more personal in nature, the Chanukah lights embrace publicity and encourage wider participation. For this reason, we are instructed to kindle the lights in the early evening at the outside entrance of our home or near the window so that they will be seen by Jewish and non-Jewish pedestrians alike.

This explicit dictate of our Sages is the impetus and driving force for the efforts of Chabad Lubavitch to place large outdoor menorahs at city centres and in major shopping malls. Lubavitch rabbis and rebbetzins also organize countless communal menorah-lighting ceremonies in order to bring the message of Chanukah to the masses.

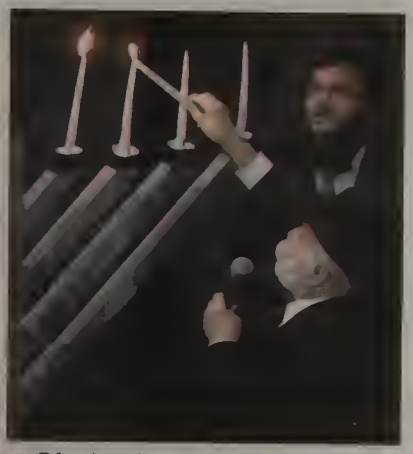
One of this year's ceremonies took place on December 19, 2006 on Parliament Hill with the participation of Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The event was orchestrated by the Canadian Federation of Chabad Lubavitch, spearheaded by Rabbi Chaim and Bassie Mendelsohn.

The evening began with a private meeting of the prime minister, a delegation of Chabad's senior Canadian *shluchim* and Israeli Ambassador to Canada Alan Baker. At the meeting, Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum spoke of Chabad's success in bringing Chanukah's message to the public in Canada and across the globe.

Afterward, the prime minister entered the reading room for the menorah-lighting ceremony. In attendance were ministers, ambassadors, senators, members of parliament, community leaders and a large contingent of *shluchim* from across Canada.

Rabbi Mendel Kaplan, who served as the evening's MC, introduced Rabbis Mordechai Berger and Menachem Matusof, who spoke about Chanukah in English and French respectively. He then introduced the prime minister, who proceeded to pay tribute to Chabad Lubavitch for their dedication to serving the entire Jewish community and extended his best wishes for a joyous Chanukah. Harper then joined Rabbi Berel Mockin at the menorah and lit the *shamesh* after which the Rabbi sasid the blessings and kindled the menorah. Rabbi Grossbaum read the appropriate prayer of *Hanairos Halalu* in English, and Chassidic singing sensation Shlomo Simchah Sufrin burst into song with the accompaniment of local klezmer musicians.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Rabbi Berel Mockin light the *shamesh* December 19, during the special menoreh-lighting ceremony on Parliament Hill.



Chabad of Centrepointe and OTC Chanukah Party

Cantor Moshe Kraus lights the menorah as Rabbi Menachem Mendel Blum looks on during the Chabad of Centrepointe and the Ottawa Torah Center Chanukah party at Ben Franklin Place. The ennual event was enjoyed by more than 400 people. (Photo: Howard Sandler)

Friendship Circle celebrates Chanukah

The Friendship Circle's Chanukah celebration was organized and sponsored by the Jewish Youth Library of Ottawa and took place at the Ottawa Torah Center Chabad in Barrhaven with lots of fun, music, and sand art. Dinner was served and the participating families and volunteers met and the children played with dreidls. The Friendship Circle brings together volunteer teens and children with special needs.

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From heart surgery to cosmetic surgery: botox 'fresh not frozen'

By Diane Koven

Anyone who has tried to balance a full-time job with family life knows the challenges and stresses involved.

When that "job" is cardiac surgery at the Ottawa Heart Institute, the challenges and stresses are multiplied by the long hours and life-and-death situations faced daily.

Now imagine adding to the equation. The surgeon is the *mother* of four young children, all born – almost annually – in the midst of her career.

For 15 years, this was the life of Dr. Karen Dover whose children are now 12, 11, 10 and 8 years old. She knew the pitfalls well, being the daughter of a surgeon, (Dr. Mark Dover) but ended up following her father's path anyway.

"I avoided becoming a surgeon because I wanted to have a family and it was virtually impossible to do," she says, "but it was destined that I do it."

Dover recently made a decision to "switch gears," combining her medical training with her other talents and interests. A semi-professional artist and photographer, she decided to combine her love of beauty and aesthetics with her surgical skills.

Being fortunate enough to draw on the expert advice and assistance of her brother, Jeff, a dermatologist in the United States, she has embarked on a new career in cosmetic medicine.

"The business of cosmetic medicine is very different from other areas and his advice is very valuable," she says.

"He is an eminent luminary in the field. Because I had access to the direction and sound advice, I felt confident that I would be able to do it. A lot of this is consumer and industry driven, and I was not going to do anything that was not scientifically valued."

Dover's new laser and cosmetic medicine office on Carling Avenue is the entry to the "experience" she wants to create. Tastefully decorated with the doctor's own artwork, the space creates an instant impression of quality and beauty – the very things the treatments are designed to provide for patients seeking her services.

Working alone, Dover aims to keep her practice small and intimate so she is can provide personalized service to each and every patient.

"I have a single-physician clinic where I make the decisions and can provide the personal touch," she says.

She has the very latest in laser technology and top-quality skincare products and treatments, but she feels it is her medical and, in particular, surgical training that make her stand out in the field.

"Many of my techniques I have adapted from Jeff. My botox results [for example] are very different from others in the city … [My patients look] 'fresh, not frozen.' It is very much technique-oriented, operator-oriented. Botox is just botox … the results are dramatically different depending upon who does it. Patients are not buying the product; they are buying the technique. Treatments are varied according to the patient and I will treat everyone differently."

With the "very latest and hottest" in laser technology, Dover is able to do skin "resurfacing" on the hands and face, and even on the neck and chest.

She does laser hair removal on all skin types and treats stretch marks, wrinkles, spider veins and varicose veins. Minor surgical procedures are included in her menu of "à la carte aesthetics."

Just as Dover aims to pamper and nurture her patients, she credits her better half, chef Jean-Claude Terrettaz, with helping her find balance and comfort in her own life.

"Without my better half, none of this would have happened," she says. "Jean-Claude not only recognized my artistic side, but has nourished it, nurtured it, valued it."

Being able to set her own work schedule enables her to spend quality family time with him and their children.

It's a new year and a new career for Dr. Karen Dover. For her patients, it may be a new look and a new feeling of confidence.

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Temple Israel celebrates 40 years

By Merle Haltrecht-Matte

The events of Temple Israel's anniversary weekend last fall reinforced the fact Temple Israel is a lively place where a lot is happening.

On the evening of Friday, November 10, Rabbi Steven Garten, Cantorial Soloist Ellie Glantz, Executive Assistant Annie Garmaise and Past Presidents Heather Evenchick and Linda Rossman prepared a once-in-a-lifetime Shabbat service.

Of 21 past presidents of the board, 18 were in attendance, including Eli and Marjorie Edelson from Mississauga.

Each past president was presented with a silver ring engraved with his or her name and dates of presidency. The rings were linked together and are on display at the Temple.

Services were based on the old Union Prayer Book; some people were nostalgic and loved it, and others were surprised there was so much English in the service.

Past rabbis were similarly honoured with silver rings. Rabbi Don Gerber and his wife, Bonnie, travelled from Syracuse to be among old and new friends.

Reminiscences were collected from the past presidents and a fascinating 10-page booklet of memoirs was put together. Linda Rossman regaled the congregation with highlights, using words directly from the booklet. The entire text can be read on Temple Israel's website at *templeisraelottawa.ca.*

"I recall watching some of the younger members including my son, Dan, and Sue Potechin, and Mark Holzman growing up," recalled Bill Danson, first president of Temple in 1996, and named honorary chairperson for the weekend event. "It is a scary thought now to see that the world is being run by kids!"

On Saturday morning, November 11 – Remembrance Day – the sanctuary was bursting with people and pride and ushers had to keep adding more chairs.

David Alexandor did *Hagbah* (held up the Torah) and, accompanied by present day teachers Ranit Braun and Penny Giacconne, as well as past teachers and the children from the current school from Kindergarten to Grade 2, walked around the sanctuary for *Hakafah* (carrying the Torah around the congregation before reading it).

Art Benjamin, first principal of the Temple religious school from 1967, and his wife Sandra, from London, Ontario, also attended.

A tent was set up outside, but most congregants wanted to hang around the lobby and outside the door, despite the rain, and converse and schmooze, as usual.

Former congregant Rabbi Dan Danson gave the D'Var Torah.

Gerald and Hannah Halpern donated and presented *siddurim* to the Bar and Bat Mitzvah students.

Linda Slotin and Sheila Baslaw, with the rabbi and the office staff, put together a memorable program that included veterans in honour of Remembrance Day, founders and their families, pioneers (members from the first three years), teachers from those years and many former congregants.

Former child congregant Rabbi Dan Danson (left) and Temple Israel President Mark Holzman.

For the kiddush, special Israeli wine donated by Israeli Ambassador Alan Baker and his wife Dahlia was used. After the tasty lunch, true to Temple's outreach and community service record, leftover sandwiches were delivered to the Mission for Men.

A wonderful display collected and mounted by Margo Rosen is still up on the dividers in the sanctuary. Family photos commemorating families' life celebrations in and around Temple can be seen.

On the evening of November 11, at Algonquin College Hospitality rooms, 250 people attended a gala dinner and danced to the music of Aviva Lightstone and her group *Take Four* with John Issenman playing the master of ceremonies role.

Patsy Royer organized the evening, with the rooms artistically decorated by Stuart and Lillian Lazear. Decorations included attractively mounted photographs of Temple congregants, past presidents, the school's Hebrew clock and sparkling lights and colourful flowers.

Premiered at the dinner was a specially prepared DVD – made possible through the generosity of a grant from the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society and the late. OJHS President Lawrence Freedman.

The DVD was greeted with sighs and laughter as people recognized themselves and friends in the hundreds of photos featured.

The commemorative calendar outlining the 40-year history of Temple Israel is still available. For a copy, call the Temple office at 613-224-1802.

Merle Haltrecht-Matte was chairperson of events for the Temple Israel Anniversary celebrations.

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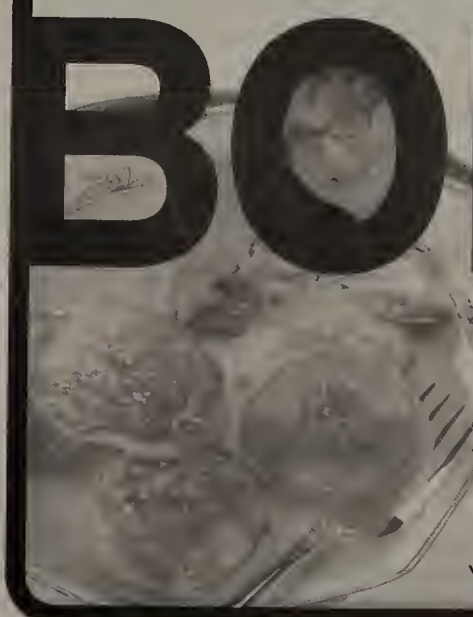

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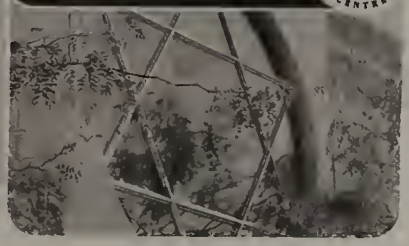

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More than just a land of milk and honey

This spring, from March 5 to 14, Canadian Friends of Hebrew University will be leading an exciting culinary mission to Israel. This trip offers a unique view of Israel through the flavours, folklore and cuisine of the nation.

Is there an Israeli cuisine?

Israeli food writer and critic Daniel Rogov writes, "The truth is that the country has not developed a unique cuisine. This is not a point of shame. In fact, thinking that a country less than 100 years old might have developed a unique cuisine is somewhat silly.

"Personally, I highly value the ethnic and social inputs to the local table. If the truth be told, the greatest influences on modern Israeli cuisine come not so much from ancient history or from its occupiers, but from the various ethnic groups that settled in the country in the last 100 to 150 years."

Because Israel is a melting pot of Jewish immigrants from around the world, Israeli cuisine is somewhat of a mish-mash of the cuisines from all these different nations.

The most common influences come from the Middle East, North Africa, the Mediterranean and Central and Eastern Europe.

This culinary mission explores some of these ethnic influences as well as the historical Biblical influences. Here are some of the highlights of the trip:

- Studying nutrition at the Faculty of Agriculture
- Touring several wineries and an organic farm
- Hands-on cooking experiences (Kurdish and Indian cuisine)
- Volunteering at a soup kitchen
- Studying the folklore of food with lectures by Hebrew University professors
- Visiting Jerusalem bakeries at night
- Visiting Neot Kedumim – Biblical Landscape reserve, where participants will have a hands-on experience built around Biblical food

If you'd like more information about the mission, visit *www.cfhu.org*.

Here are two recipes to get you in the mood for the "Flavours of Israel."

Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

Labneh (Israeli Yogurt Cheese Dip)

This recipe comes from the May 1995 issue of *Bon Appetit* magazine.

I like to serve *labneh* as part of an Israeli *mezze* (appetizer) platter. I add a bowl of hummus and tahini, warm pita bread and a bowl of black Kalamata olives.

The traditional way of preparing *labneh* is to drain yogurt in a strainer lined with cheesecloth. Cheesecloth is readily available in the supermarket or hardware store, but if you can't find it, paper coffee filters work very well. Just cut open several filters and line the strainer.

The original recipe called for 2 per cent yogurt, but I have made this successfully with fat-free and 1 per cent.

4 cups plain yogurt

1 teaspoon sesame seeds, toasted
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon dried savory
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

Set a strainer over a large bowl. Line strainer with 4 layers of cheesecloth, allowing 4 inches to extend over sides of strainer. Don't let strainer touch bottom of bowl.

Spoon yogurt into strainer. Gather cheesecloth together and fold over yogurt to cover.

Refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight. The liquid will drain out and the yogurt will thicken.

Combine sesame seeds, salt, savory, cayenne and cumin in a small bowl.

Open cheesecloth at top. Using rubber spatula, transfer drained yogurt to a shallow serving bowl. Drizzle olive oil over yogurt. Sprinkle with sesame seed mixture.

Serve with warm pita bread and olives.

Bedouin Tent Stew

One of the highlights of our family trip to Israel in 2004, to celebrate our daughter's Bat Mitzvah, was dinner in a Bedouin tent. They prepared an amazing lamb stew with root vegetables over couscous. There were no spoons or forks.

When dining with Bedouins, proper table manners dictate that you eat with the middle three fingers of your right hand only. Because we were tourists, we were served freshly baked pita, cooked over an open fire, to scoop up the stew with.

Due to the language barrier, I was unable to get the exact recipe, but after several attempts, I created this recipe.

1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
3 pounds boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, chopped into 1/4 inch dice
3 cloves garlic, finely minced
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly grated ginger
1 1/2 cups water
1 cup drained canned diced tomatoes
1 large sweet potato, peeled and diced into 1 inch chunks
2 medium Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 inch chunks
4 carrots, peeled and cut into 1 inch chunks
1/4 cup raisins
Chopped fresh cilantro

Mix together salt, pepper, cinnamon and allspice in a medium bowl. Add lamb and toss to coat with spice mixture.

Heat oil in a heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Working in batches, add lamb to pot and sauté until brown on all sides, about 4 minutes per batch. Once each batch is done, spoon out browned lamb into a medium bowl. When the last batch is browned, return all the lamb to the pot.

Add onions, garlic and ginger to lamb in pot. Sauté for about 5 minutes. Add water and canned tomatoes. Bring stew to a boil. Turn down heat to low, cover pot and simmer for about 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

Add sweet potatoes, potatoes, carrots and raisins and continue cooking, covered, for about another 30 minutes, until lamb is tender.

Spoon stew over cooked rice or couscous, sprinkle with chopped cilantro and serve.

Cutlery is optional.

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Gantz cartoon history of Jews has attitude and humour

Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Since my September column, in which I reviewed the graphic novel *The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey*, I have received three more graphic books.

Different styles of cartooning. Different topics. Two nonfiction. The other is the first in a planned series of novels about Klezmer musicians in Eastern Europe and Russia during shtetl times.

Reading those books made me realize I am a literary snob, happiest with lyrical text and exciting, even outlandish, illustrations. While I have occasionally reviewed graphic books in the past, they had been the exception and I treated them as such.

But times they are a-changing. Graphic books are increasingly finding a meaningful place in Jewish Kid Lit. So I have to change too. Remembering a motto I have long held dear, "learning is where you find it," I promise to become more proficient in reviewing graphic books, starting with Jewish history.

Jews in America
A Cartoon History
By David Gantz
The Jewish Publication Society Revised edition 2006
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Jews in America: A Cartoon History is the first history book I have read that has both attitude and humour. Those two unique ingredients are the result of prize-winning writer, illustrator and syndicated cartoonist David Gantz inserting himself into the history and drawings as an ex-officio commentator.

Gantz clarifies, observes, underlines, offers sidebar-like tidbits, and, even more important, makes history come alive. Moreover, just because this is broad-brush cartoon history doesn't mean it is dumbed-down history. Quite the contrary. It is comprehensive, detailed and precise. Both Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jewry are given their due.

The book's title implies it is only about the Jewish experience in America from the first landing of European Jews in 1492 to the present. In reality, *Jews in America* touches on the key experiences of world Jewry from Medieval times to the 350th Anniversary of the arrival of Jews in America in 2005. It is a tremendous undertaking that succeeds in imparting with humanity and dignity the recurring dangers, difficulties and triumphs of its subjects.

Well-known and lesser-known facts about the American Jewish experience are depicted with equal energy, accuracy and candor. For example, how many of us know four Jews sailed as crewmen on Christopher Columbus's 1492 expedition to India that landed in America, and one remained when the ships sailed home?

Anyone hear of a larger-than-life fellow named Major Noah? He fought in the American Revolution, became American Consul in Tunis in 1813 and, when back in the United States, advocated for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in America to be called Ararat.

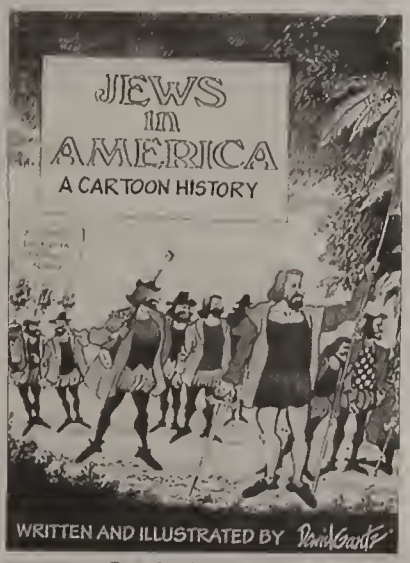
Foolish? Yes. Interesting? Absolutely.

Did you know President Theodore Roosevelt "intervened with the Tsar of Russia to oppose the brutal treatment of shtetl Jews"? Did you know in 1869 the Lubavicher Rabbi of Jerusalem, Chaim Tzvi, Schneersohn, visited President Ulysses S. Grant to request the president support the Jews of Palestine in their effort to gain political and civil rights from their Arab rulers?

Obviously I could go on and on with historic trivia that make *Jews in America* such a fascinating book.

Instead, I'll highlight some – far from all – of its numerous topics: recurrences of anti-Semitism during this entire period of history, including the lynching of Leo Frank in Atlanta, Georgia and, later, the writings of Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan; Jews in the ready-to-wear clothing industry; the birth of Conservative Judaism; the Yiddish press and theatre; Jews in crime, Tin Pan Alley, the movies, the civil rights movement and the feminist movement; the Holocaust; Righteous Gentiles; the birth of the State of Israel and each of Israel's wars to 2005.

In sum, this updated and expanded edition of *Jews in America: A Cartoon History* is inclusive, informative and entertaining. It fits right into our TV, Internet, YouTube, iPod age. And its an insightful portal for youths and adults to develop a love of history and, as the cartoons illustrate so well, all it encompasses.



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My after school adventure watching Howdy Doody

Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

Have you ever had the feeling something is going on around you that you don't quite understand?

When I was about six, all the kids in our block went to this house after school because it was the only one in the area with a TV set.

This was an astonishing novelty at the time. Where else could you watch *Howdy Doody* and get served ice cold drinks and cookies? The front room was always packed with children and a few men too. Every once in a while, Martha, the mother of the house, would come in and call out one of the men. All the other children and I sat enraptured by the TV and took no notice.

Martha wore her hair in curlers covered with a kerchief. She wore tight blouses, blue jeans and bomber jackets with white socks and saddle loafers. She had dark hair and blue eyes, a prominent pointed nose and thick black glasses as well as extremely red lips. One day, Martha learned I was Jewish, I don't remember how, and pulled me outside on the verandah.

"Let me take a look at you," she said, pulling me into a seat beside her. "You look a lot like my cousin, Sheldon. He's an accountant, you know. My, my, how handsome you are," she said and pinched my cheek.

"Sidney, come here for a minute," she said as her son was leaving the house.

"Sidney, did you know this was a nice Jewish boy and in our neighbourhood? Do you have any older sisters?" she asked me while Sidney rolled his eyes heavenward.

I shook my head.

She looked at her son, who had a serious expression on his face.

"Sidney, were you going to leave without saying goodbye to your mother? Come here and give us a kiss and tell me, will you be out late, who are you going out with?"

Sidney dutifully kissed his mother's cheek.

"Aw, mom, I'm just going to the movies with the guys. I'll be home in a couple of hours."

"When will you start asking out some of the girls from the Y?" she asked rhetorically and, when Sidney scowled, "Well don't be late."

"I won't. Bye mom."

As Sidney walked down the street, Martha pulled out a cigarette and lit it.

"Well, I just wanted to make your acquaintance," she said. And again after a drag on her cigarette, as if in confidence, "you know, I come from a very religious and established family, not that you could tell from looking at me now."

She placed her hand on my arm and I could feel its claims on me through the bare skin.

As we sat in this position, a young blonde woman walked up the stairs to the front door.

She was wearing a thin summer dress and high heels, heavily made up and chewing gum.

Martha stood up, unsmiling.

"Suzy, where the Hell you been? Your goddamn four o'clock's been waiting in the front room for half an hour already."

Suzy blew a bubble and answered, "Don't worry. He'll wait for me because he knows I'm worth the wait."

"Fine, fine. But don't make this a habit. We got a business to run, not a social club. Get your ass upstairs and get busy."

She slapped Suzy on the buttocks as she walked by. Suzy squealed and ran in.

Martha turned to me again.

"These girls. You can't let them get away with anything. Do you like girls?" she asked me grinning slyly.

"Well, I like mom and you," I answered, "and Eva when we play kick the can."

"Oy, what a sweet *ponim*," she said and pinched my cheek again. "Get in with you. You want I should bring you a drink?"

"Just a milk, please," I said over my shoulder as I hurried back to watch Howdy and Princess Summerfall Winterspring.

And when the next guy in the living room got up from his chair to go upstairs, I didn't even notice.

Saget loves making people laugh

Have a Knish

Paul Telner Byron Pascoe

To kick off 2007, Knish presents our interview with Jewish stand-up comedian Bob Saget.

Most well known for his Danny Tanner role in the sitcom *Full House*, Saget is back in primetime with NBC's game show *1 vs 100*. In the show, contestants face "the mob" of 100 others and answer quiz questions for a chance at a million.

The kind-hearted Bob Saget's connection to Ottawa dates back to 1979. "I was up there in Ottawa headlining. Because I was unknown, there was a big sign at the club that said something like 'Ottawa loves Bob Saget!'" begins the Philadelphia-born 50-year-old.

"At that time, Ottawa-born comedian Norm McDonald said I was one of the first comedians he ever saw. I was 22 and he was about 17, sitting in the audience. McDonald said, 'Ya know Saget, you made fun of my big hair,' because he had big curly hair. I made fun of Norm and oddly enough our paths have crossed. I directed *Dirty Work* [which starred McDonald] and hosted *Saturday Night Live* when he was on it."

Having performed at Yuk Yuk's comedy clubs across Canada, Saget also performed at Maple Leaf Gardens and shot four movies in Canada.

"I love what I do, and to make people laugh is a damn privilege, because their lives are hard enough. People are just trying to make money and a living, raise their kids and try to be good parents."

Bob Saget is back in prime time TV on *1 vs 100*.

During his *Full House* days, Saget was the host and performed all of the voice-overs used in the submitted videos on *America's Funniest Home Videos* (AFHV).

"People don't understand that *Full House* was a part that I played. They think that's what I'm like! On the video show I couldn't do my kind of humour either. People usually asked who wrote the bad jokes, and I always said it was written by two Canadian guys! There was an exchange rate. One was Alan Thicke's brother, Todd and the other was Robert Arnott. I did stand-up at the same time, but still when on HBO doing crazy stuff they still thought of me as those characters."

He doesn't think of his stand-up as any dirtier than *South Park*, but it is far from his squeaky clean image from his TV roles. Saget also shares stories about *Full House* at his performances.

"I love entertaining people a lot and I am getting to do higher end, more fun venues. I also do lots of colleges. It's very scary when a 19-year-old girl flashes her chest at me! I got enough problems, I don't need that kind of aggravation!"

Before Saget got his *Full House* role, he had just been fired from a CBS show in New York that was on against the *Today Show* and *Good Morning America*.

"I had a wife and we had just had a baby. I never thought I'd work again after I got fired. *Full House* was just a pilot and they bought it. I played a guy, and I ended up saying let's make him a neat freak. I love my children, I will hug them! I came up with these things that have become the freakin' Brady Bunch!

"People always say, 'well your character was gay right?' I am like, 'well I don't think so.' My 12-year-old asked me if my character was gay, she is like, 'daddy I saw you in a dinosaur outfit!' The joke is it's three straight guys raising three girls in San Francisco!"

Saget is very close with the series cast and doesn't foresee any kind of televised reunion.

"When I'm in New York, I see both Mary Kate and Ashley quite often. The whole cast is a very dignified high end group and we don't want to do anything that's cheesy like all the other reunions. We walk into restaurants, like as many from the east as we can get together at a given time, and it's scary for people!"

Involved in many entertainment productions, Saget takes on more than just on-camera parts, such as directing (*Dirty Work*) and producing (*For Hope*).

"Whatever door opens I seem to go through it. I was on HBO's *Entourage* last year and Showtime's *Huff* where I played a cocaine addict. I was snorting powdered milk and my nipples were lactating!"

Dirty Work is a college cult hit that Saget directed in 1998.

"I am very proud of *Dirty Work*. It was hilarious. I came up with a couple of jokes that I'm proud of, like shooting water up someone's ass, a skunk violating a dog; it's important stuff for the kids of North America."

Negative television doesn't impress him.

"My favourite shows have always been *Pimp My Ride* on MTV as far as reality goes because it's positive. It's damaging to people to take on a philosophy that goes I don't like the way you sang or look. When you put people down and that's your motivation, you are nothing but a critic; you are not caring about people. *Pimp My Ride* takes someone who's down and out, and really needs a car and they go way overboard. Back in the 50s, there was a show called *Queen For A Day*, whereas today it would be a whole new meaning! I am not saying everything should be positive, because I am a very edgy negative guy, but I don't think for mass consumption you should hurt people."

Bob Saget looks forward to his next Ottawa stand-up appearance and, until then, audiences can also catch him voicing the character of Carl in the film *Farce of the Penguins*.

Have a knish!

Food, glorious food!

Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

Don'tcha just love cookbooks? I do, even though I'm not exactly what you'd call a chef. I love them for their mouth-watering recipes and pictures. I love them for their engaging text, as many of today's cookbooks have stories to tell. I love them for their possibilities. Here are some to start off the Gregorian New Year with.

Jewish Cooking for All Seasons: Fresh, Flavorful Kosher Recipes for Holidays and Every Day
By Laura Frankel
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
Hardcover, 2006

Listening to "music that chills your spine and moves your soul" while feasting is about as good as it gets, says Frankel.

Marrying good music to good food makes sense, especially if you're the founder of a Chicago-renowned restaurant and a professional alto and baritone saxophone player. The talented Frankel, in her candid introduction, tells us why she and her (now "ex") husband decided to raise their children in a kosher home: to prevent them from ending up like their parents, somewhat ignorant of Jewish history and tradition.

Initially, Frankel thought "going kosher" would impinge upon her cooking, but she soon discovered that it really posed no obstacles. The only requirement was a bit of sleuthing to find the best ingredients.

You won't find typical recipes like gefilte fish or brisket in this book. Ashkenazi recipes are just too heavy, in Frankel's opinion. She's wild about Sephardic cooking even though she's Ashkenazi, and many of her recipes attest to that. Along with inspiring recipes, you'll find suggestions for holiday and seasonal menus, what first-rate equipment to arm your kitchen with, and where to find high-quality ingredients. If nothing else, the message one gets from Frankel is good equipment and the freshest of ingredients are what make for exciting and delectable dishes.

You'll also get advice. Frankel is adamant about never substituting! So rather than try to compromise a meat-based dinner by finishing off with a dessert in which you have substituted non-dairy whipped topping and margarine in a recipe calling for butter, make something else, she advises. Butter *is* better, and substituting just spoils the recipe.

You'll find all kinds of dairy, meat and *pareve* dishes in here. Be forewarned: some require fussing. But how many kosher cookbooks are there that include recipes for venison and bison?

SIMPLE Mediterranean Cookery
By Claudia Roden
BBC Books/Raincoast Books
Softcover, 2006

I love books like this one: step-by-step, full-colour "how-to" cookbooks for kitchen cooks like me. Roden, a five-time Glenfiddich Food and Drink Award winning British food writer, has culled 40 of her favourite recipes for this new book. (The Glenfiddich Awards, by the way, recognize achievements in writing, publishing and broadcasting in the areas of food and drink). By the time you've gone through it, you'll be dying to get into the kitchen to get at it. The full-colour pictures make these dishes look delectable, and the minimal steps for each concoction – most averaging three steps per recipe! – make them look easily doable.

Roden's book is divided into sections somewhat differently to those found in Frankel's book. Like Frankel, she discusses ingredients (including grains, herbs, cheeses, vegetables and condiments) and equipment. She even has a chart on conversion tables.

But while Frankel's cookbook is divided seasonally, Roden's is organized by category (soups and starters, for example) and by menu. Also unlike Frankel, the recipes in here are not specifically kosher (no kosher cookbook would include shellfish). But you will find some you can make. Just watch for the butter and chicken combinations. And while Roden's recipes are just as interesting and unusual as Frankel's (the Chilled Almond Soup with Garlic and Grapes, Lamb Tagine with Prunes, and Potato Cake look divine), it's the clarity of the instructions (each illustrated by a picture) that make this such an appealing cookbook.

The recipes in here are authentically Mediterranean, with Roman, Greek, Arab, Spanish and Ottoman influences. And all are easy to replicate. Roden even provides suggested menus at the back of the book: a vegetarian meal for four, a Moroccan dinner party for six, a Summer Buffet Party for 12, to name a few.

Jewish Holiday Feasts
By Louise Fiszer and Jeannette Ferrary
Chronicle Books/Raincoast
Hardcover, 2005

When Fiszer and Ferrary began to put together their cookbook, they were advised by a friend not to "do anything too weird." Taking this person's advice, the authors decided to stick with traditional, Jewish holiday recipes, using fresh ingredients and tailored to health-conscious cooks. The result is this pretty, little illustrated book, full of Separdic and Ashkenazic recipes from all over the world.

Each holiday section is introduced with background on its significance and history, and – where applicable – how the dishes fit into its traditions. There is no fussing as the recipes are fairly straightforward and not at all time-consuming. This little book will come in handy with Purim, Pesach and Shavuot coming up. But you can also try one of the recipes for your next Shabbas meal.

At the Greenberg Families Library:

The new winter programming begins. The Ottawa Jewish Film Society screens films once a month on Sunday afternoons, and Kinneret Globerman leads two more book discussions on new book releases. Check upcoming issues of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* for announcements.

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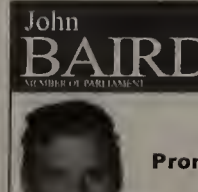

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163-year history of B'nai Brith explored on the Net

Global Shtetl
The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

The *Ottawa Citizen* recently ran an article on Moishe Smith, international president of B'nai Brith, who met with Pope Benedict in Rome.

"He's truly a friend of all that's right," said Smith, praising the Pope "for his strong stand against extremism and [against] the use of religion to wreak havoc in the world."

Gut gezogt Moishe Smith. And mazal tov on becoming the first non-US president in the 163-year history of this leading Jewish organization.

B'nai Brith is the largest voluntary Jewish membership organization in the world, with 150,000 men, women and young people individually enrolled. A concise current rundown on B'nai Brith and its activities is available at Wikipedia.

B'nai Brith was founded as a Jewisb fraternal order in New York City, in 1843. It has always been an organization characterized by both its responsiveness to Jewish and human needs and by a proactive approacb to tackling problems and building a better future.

In recent decades, B'nai Brith's activist role as a leader and spokesperson for the Jewish mainstream bas been widely recognized – perhaps even more widely among both friends and foes in the non-Jewish world than within tbe Jewish community itself. Representing Jews without distinctions or divisions has been particularly important. It was in this capacity that President Moishe Smith and the B'nai Brith International's Executive Vice-President, Daniel S. Mariaschin, had their recent audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

Then and now

It's interesting to compare B'nai Brith now to what it was a century ago. The Jewish Encyclopedia (1908) has an article on B'nai Brith that enables us to do so. Reported membership in 1902 was 30,000 in the U.S. and a handful of other countries, including Egypt and Palestine.

Though B'nai Brith was active in major issues, it was not yet a leading force. For example, it played a role in the marshalling of public opinion against Tsarist Russian oppression, but this movement was led not by any Jewish organizations, but by wealthy and prominent individuals, Jewish and Christian, in the United States and Britain.

B'nai Brith's main work in the 19th and early 20th centuries was to help immigrants meet the difficult conditions they faced. For example, B'nai Brith played a leading role in establishing and supporting Jewish orphanages in a number of American communities. Like other fraternal organizations, it helped members through small loans to tide them over difficulties. Early in the 20th century, it quickly raised emergency funds from across the country to help Jewish settlers in Galveston, Texas, who – with their fellow-citizens – had been bit by a disastrous flood tbat was the New Orleans catastrophe of its day.

Today, besides the overall activities that can be explored in some of the main B'nai Brith websites (for B'nai Brith Canada and B'nai Brith International), the organization supports special activities. The Anti-Defamation League is a leading organization tbat defends human rights. B'nai B'rith Youth and the Hillel organization actively promote Jewish continuity by supporting activities for teenagers and college-age young people respectively. Special websites are maintained for each of these three activities, as well as for B'nai Brith in various countries, from Britain and France to New Zealand.

In its virtual web presence as well as in "real" life, B'nai Brith has been up-to-date and responsive to changing needs and perceptions. I get a special treat wben I explored the B'nai Brith sites. I found B'nai Brith had established a web-radio station that provides a continuous audio stream of traditional and contemporary popular Jewish music. I'll leave the details to my next column, where I'll use this as the take-off point for exploring Jewish music using web multimedia.

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Phyllis Leith by Dorothy and Hy Hymes.
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Anniversary wishes to:
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In memory of:
Lillian Katz, a beloved mother and grandmother by Maureen and Jeffrey Katz.
Sheldon Deitcher by Maureen and Jeffrey Katz and family
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Mazal Tov to:
Lisa Hans and Rabbi Steven Garten on their engagement by Maureen and Jeffrey Katz.
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In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Isabel and Norman Lesh.
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In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
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In memory of:
Phyllis Leith by Stan Kimmel and Carol Spiro.

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In memory of:
Barry Koffman by Nina and Elliott Arron; by Norina Malandra; by Cheryl Kardish Levitan and Brian Levitan and family; and by Dorothy Nadolny.
Libby Shore by Fay Koffman.

MELVIN KOSTOVE MEMORIAL FUND
Anniversary wishes to:
Helen and Morrie Eisen on their 60th wedding anniversary by Helaine, Jack, Isaac and Ilana Gould.
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Valerie Eisen.
Phyllis Leith by Valerie Eisen.

KRANTZBERG KRANE FAMILY FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Oliver Grant on his engagement to Amanda by Myra, Sam, Joshua and Justin Krane.
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In memory of:
Eva Toronto Flesher by Evelyn Krane.
In honour of:
Stephen Glass by Julia Krane, Daniel Paul and Jacob Krane-Paul.

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Mazal Tov to:
Ada Glustein on completing her M.A. by Diane Kriger.

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Birthday wishes to:
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Birthday wishes to:
Morris Lang by Leon, Elaine, Batsheva and Anina Kurtz.

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Anniversary wishes to:
Cantor David and Gita Aptowitzer on their 55th wedding anniversary by Libby and Stan Katz.
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Bertha Palmer by Libby and Stan Katz.
Speedy recovery to:
Bert Palmer by Barbara and Len Farber.
In memory of:
Berl Nadler's mother by Barb and Len Farber.
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Mazal Tov to:
Steven Farber on being named a Director of National Bank Financial by Mom, Dad and Michael.

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Speedy recovery to:
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In memory of:
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In memory of:
Phyllis Leith by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

MURIEL LEVINE MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Stan and Cathy Levine and family.

SANDRA AND JACIE LEVINSON ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Carol Greenberg on her daughter Reverend Dr. Rhonda Greenberg's ordination by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.
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Raymond and Natalie Stern on their special wedding anniversary by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.
In memory of:
Casey Swedlove by Sandra and Jacie Levinson.

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Anniversary wishes to:
Miriam and Jack Pleet on their 60th wedding anniversary by Sally and Elliott Levitan.
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Sally and Elliott Levitan.
Eva Torontow Flesher by Sally and Elliott Levitan.
Marlette Woolfson by Sally and Elliott Levitan.

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Congratulations to:
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Mazal Tov to:
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Howard and Evelyn Silverman on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Alyssa by Norman Lieff and Francie Greenspoon.
Lisa and Sam Feldberg on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sarah by Norman Lieff and Francie Greenspoon.
Best wishes to:
Karen Dover in her new endeavour by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.
Anniversary wishes to:
Miriam and Jack Pleet on their 60th wedding anniversary by Norman Lieff and Francie Greenspoon.
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Norman Lieff and Francie Greenspoon; and by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.
Bessie Greenberg by Norman Lieff and Francie Greenspoon.
Monty Berger by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.
Casey Swedlove by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.
Speedy recovery to:
Harriet Stone by Norman Lieff and Francie Greenspoon.

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In memory of:
Sheila Tanner by Yvonne and Harvey Lithwick and family.
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Birthday wishes to:
Yvonne Lithwick by Herby and Pam Beiles and all the family.

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In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
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R'fuah Sh'lemah to:
Moe Litwack by Edie Landau.

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In memory of:
Adele Loeb's brother by Carole and Norman Zagerman.
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Birthday wishes to:
Roslyn Kimmel on her special birthday by Sheila and Larry Hartman; and by Doris and Richard Stern.

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In memory of:
Libby Shore by Shelley and Morris Schachnow.
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Anniversary wishes to:
Anne and Arni May on their 50th wedding anniversary by Bea and Murray Garceau.

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In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Charles Schachnow.
Helen Yegendorf by Charles Schachnow.
Anniversary wishes to:
Arni and Ann May on their 50th wedding anniversary by Sorin Edelstein.

JACK AND FREDA MELZER MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Dina and David Brothman on the birth of their grandson by Ian and Estelle Melzer.

BONNIE AND CHUCK MEROVITZ FAMILY FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Bonnie and Chuck Merovitz.
Sibyl Mirsky by Bonnie and Chuck Merovitz.
Phyllis Leith by Bonnie and Chuck Merovitz.

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In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Debbie and Herb Cosman and family.

NORMAN AND ANNE MIRSKY MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Bess Greenberg by Millie and Steve Mirsky and Mary and Paul Mirsky.

SIBYL MIRSKY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Marilyn and Dan Kimmel; by Donna and Bernie Dolansky; by Marjorie and Ben Achbar; by Libby and Stan Katz; by Ned Azzi; by Barbara and Len Farber; by Joany and Andy Katz and family; by Rose and Chick Taylor; by Marty and Ellie Black; by Ethel and Irving Taylor; by Lori Morris; by Corinne and Sheldon Taylor and family; by Sol and Zelaine Shinder; by Jane Mirsky and Leonard Shore; by Dorothy Nadolny; and by Debbie and Ron Weiss.

MORRIS MOLOT MEMORIAL FUND
Anniversary wishes to:
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joe on their 50th wedding anniversary by Lotte and David Molot.
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Lotte and David Molot.
Julia Cheng by Lotte and David Molot.
Speedy recovery to:
Sol Kronick by Lotte and David Molot.

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In memory of:
Bess Greenberg by Judith Molot-Piazza; and by Sylvia Molot.

JACK AND HONEY MONSON ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Evelyn and Norman Potechin on the marriage of their granddaughter Daria Greengarten to Daniel Sullavey by Honey and Jack Baylin.

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In memory of:
Phyllis Leith by Dorothy Nadolny.

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In observance of the yahrzeit of:
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In memory of:
Gunter Forst by Julie, Jeff, Neil and Gary Fine; and by Joel Orlik and Adam Orlik.

HARRY AND BERTHA PLEET MEMORIAL FUND
In observance of the yahrzeit of:
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JACK AND MIRIAM PLEET ENDOWMENT FUND
Anniversary wishes to:
Miriam and Jack Pleet on their 60th wedding anniversary by Clair and Julius Krantzberg; and by Marjorie and Ben Achbar.

NORMAN AND EVELYN POTECHIN ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Eva Toroniow Flesher by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

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IN MEMORY OF AARON HARRY COHEN
Birthday wishes to:
Arnie Vered on his 50th birthday by Avalee and Ron Prehogan.
In memory of:
Phyllis Leith by Ron Prehogan.

GERALD AND MARY-BELLE PULVERMACHER FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Mary-Belle and Gerry Pulvermacher.
Casey Swedlove by Mary-Belle and Gerry Pulvermacher.

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Birthday wishes to:
Ann Lazear on her special birthday by Phyllis and Alan Rackow.
Phyllis Rackow by Melanie and Marcus Holz.
Speedy recovery to:
Jack Greenberg by Phyllis and Alan Rackow.
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Phyllis and Alan Rackow.
Bessie Greenberg by Phyllis and Alan Rackow.

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In memory of:
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Libby Shore by Penny, Gordie, Steven and Zac Resnick.
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Mazal Tov to:
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Birthday wishes to:
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In memory of:
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Bess Greenberg by Alti and Berel Rodal.

GDALYAH ROSENFELD ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Casey Swedlove by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.
Dr. Sylvia Kaufmen by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.

FRANCES AND MORTON ROSS FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Mort and Fran Ross.
Sibyl Mirsky by Mort and Fran Ross.

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In memory of:
Rachel Baher by Ron and Ruth Levitan.

SAMUEL AND RUTH ROTHMAN MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Susan and Aron Brajtman on the marriage of their son Dov to Rotem by Corinne and Sheldon Taylor.
Jill and Allan Bellack on the birth of their grandson Benjamin by Sue and Steve Rothman and family.
In memory of:
Elaine Bolton by Sue and Steve Rothman.
Denzil Lalonde by Sue and Steve Rothman and family.
Marlette Woollson by Corinne and Sheldon Taylor.
Barry Koffman by Corinne and Sheldon Taylor.
Moses Gencher by Corinne and Sheldon Taylor.
Get well wishes to:
Shirley Schnobb by Corinne and Sheldon Taylor and family and Sue and Steve Rothman and family.

SHELLEY AND SID ROTHMAN FAMILY FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Moishe Smith on becoming President of B'nai B'rith International by Shelley and Sid Rothman.
Ian Sherman on receiving his fellowship of the Council of the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants by Shelley and Sid Rothman.

HELEN AND ROY SAIPE ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Helen Saipe.

RICKIE AND MARTIN SASLOVE FAMILY FUND
In memory of:
Ann Epstein by Rhoda, Jeff, Howard and Sara Miller.
Anniversary wishes to:
Rickie and Martin Saslove on their 50th wedding anniversary by Peter, Lori, Brianna and Amy Greenberg.

HARRY AND FRANCES SAXE MEMORIAL FUND
In observance of the yahrzeit of:
Frances Saxe by Carole and Norman Zagerman and family.

ELAYNE AND WESLEY SCHACTER ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Nathan and Renee Arback on the birth of their great-grandson James by Elayne, Wesley, Adam, Josh and Michael Schacter.
Margo Rosen on receiving the Elaine Rabin Award by Elayne and Wesley Schacter and family.

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In memory of:
Casey Swedlove by Clare Schwartz and family.
Izzie Greenberg by Clare Schwartz.
Birthday wishes to:
Clare Schwartz on her special birthday by Buddy Kizell.

LAYA AND SOL SHABINSKY ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Rhoda, Jeffrey, Howard and Sara Miller; by Doris and Richard Stern; by Ben Cobrinsky, Rhoda Cobrinsky, Carol Cobrinsky Shein and Stuart Adam Shein; and by Alicia and Brian Bailey and family.

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In observance of the yahrzeit of:
Abraham Shaffer, a dear father by Sheldon and Sonia Shaffer.
Birthday wishes to:
Anne Lazear by Myra and Sam Krane, Joshua and Justin.
Mazal Tov to:
Sheldon and Sonny Shaffer on becoming great-grandparents by Sarah and Milton Shaffer.

HAROLD SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Sheldon and Sonny Shaffer on the birth of their great-granddaughter by Frances, Dorothy and Rhea.
Mr. and Mrs. Pomer on the arrival of their granddaughter by Frances, Dorothy and Rhea.

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Ian Sherman on his fellowship by the Partners of Ginsberg, Gluzman, Fage and Levitz.

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In memory of:
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Sibyl Mirsky by Israel Shinder.

ISRAEL AND MAUREEN NEWTON SHINDER COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Casey Swedlove by Is Shinder.

ISRAEL AND REBECCA SHORE MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Libby Shore by Jane Mirsky and Leonard Shore.

FAY AND JOSEPH SHULMAN ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Fay Shulman.
Mazal Tov to:
Barry and Lynne Shulman on the opening of their new restaurant by Charles and Marcia Rak.

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In memory of:
James Bell Hadden by Lorne, Laurie, Zak and Ben Shusterman.
Bessie Greenberg by Lorne and Laurie Shusterman.

JACK AND SARAH SILVERSTEIN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Jack and Sarah Silverstein.
Lou Ball by Jack, Sarah and David Silverstein.
Casey Swedlove by the Silverstein family.
Congratulations to:
Bernie and Donna Dolansky on the birth of their grandson by Jack and Sarah Silverstein.
Birthday wishes to:
Debbie Weiss by Jack and Sarah Silverstein.
Mazal Tov to:
Jack and Sarah Silverstein on their new home by Carol and Laurie Pascoe and family.
Happy Chanukah to:
Rabbi Zischa and Lauren Shaps by the Silverstein family.

LINDA SILVERMAN MEMORIAL FUND
Anniversary wishes to:
Miriam and Jack Pleet on their very special wedding anniversary by Marvin and Phyllis Silverman.
Speedy recovery to:
Harriet Slone by Marvin and Phyllis Silverman.

LOUIS AND STELLA SLACK MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Marlene Levine and Andrew Sirman; and by Harvey Slack.
Sibyl Mirsky by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.
Casey Swedlove by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.
Speedy recovery to:
Sam Reich by Myra and Lester Aronson.
Linda Nadolny Cogan by Myra and Lester Aronson.
Birthday wishes to:
Nat Hennick by Myra and Lester Aronson.

SAM AND SUE SLACK ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by David and Sharon Appotive and family.
Birthday wishes to:
David Appotive by Sue Slack.
Happy Chanukah to:
Joy and Seymour Mender and family by Sue Slack.
Sharon and David Appotive and family by Sue Slack.

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Speedy recovery to:
Harriet Slone by Blossom Read; by Dorothy and Ben Greenberg; by Rose and Chick Taylor; and by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

JACK AND LINDA SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND
In observance of the yahrzeit of:
Inez Smith, beloved mother by Leslie, Maureen, Aaron and Mischa Smith.
In honour of:
Moishe Smith becoming President of B'nai Brith International by Leslie, Maureen, Aaron and Mischa Smith.

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In memory of:
Casey Swedlove by Ryan and Tania Smolkin; and by Derek and Christina Smolkin.

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In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Mark, Marla, Andrew, Samantha and Evan Spergel.
Sibyl Mirsky by Laura and Gordon Spergel.
Issie Greenberg by Mark, Marla, Andrew, Samantha and Evan Spergel; and by Laura and Gordon Spergel.
Anniversary wishes to:
Laura and Gordon Spergel on their 58th wedding anniversary by Libby and Stan Katz.
Get well wishes to:
Bert Palmer by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

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Best of luck to:
Avalee and Ron Prehogan in their new home by Lee Steinberg.

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Mazal Tov to:
Lyn and Mordechai Ben-Dat on being grandparents by Gail and Stephen Victor and family.

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Birthday wishes to:
Blossom Read on her very special birthday by Doris and Richard Stern.

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In memory of:
Casey Swedlove by Max and Phyllis Sternthal.

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Mazal Tov to:
Claire and Irving Bercovitch on the Bat Mitzvah and Bar Mitzvah of their grandchildren by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz.
Beverly and Irving Swedko on the birth of their grandson by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz.

CASEY AND BESS SWEDLOVE ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Casey Swedlove by Marty and Ellie Black, by Donna and Bernie Dolansky; by Harriet and Don Wagman; by Marilyn and Dan Kimmel; by Evelyn and Irving Greenberg; by Edna and Saul Goldlarb; by David and Heather Goldlarb; by Mitchell Bellman and Nicola Hamer; by Sol and Zelaine Shinder; by Sylvia and Sol Kaiman., by Morton and Sally Taller; by Libby and Stan Katz; by Natalie and Tom Gussman; by Jean Naemark; by the Levitz family; by Enid and Jeff Gould; by Bob and Judith Jack; by Cynthia Engel and family; by Dan and Elaine Shapiro; by Barb, Lenny, Steven and Michael Farber; by Gita and Jerry Pearl; by Diane Wexler; by Edie Landau; by Laya and Sol Shabinsky; by Jane Mirsky and Leonard Shore; by Sandy and Michael Shaver; by Laura and Gordon Spergel; by Olivette Bisson; by Steve and Hildy Lesh; by David and Judith Kalin; by Ketty and Morris Samel; by Ted Miller and Marcia Saipe; by Gordon and Margo Roston; by Ruth and Arthur Kizell; by Carole and Norman Zagerman; by Norm Leckie and Robin Chernick; by Leema and Marsha Magidson; by Carol and Stuart Levine; by Candy, Lawrie, Joanna and Seth Giddens; Ricki and Barry Baker and family; by Herb and Pam Beiles; by Chick and Rose Taylor; by Gert and Johnny Marks; and by Avis and Trudy Miller.

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In memory of:
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Sibyl Mirsky by Sally and Morton Taller.

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Birthday wishes to:
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Eve Torontow by Chick and Rose Taylor.
Phyllis Leith by Chick and Rose Taylor.

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Happy and healthy New Year to:
Bea Torontow by Jean Naemark and family

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Amie Vered on his special birthday by Joany and Andy Katz and family; and by Irv Hoffman.

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Beverly and Irving Swedko on the birth of their grandson Noah by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Eva and Albert Stal on the birth of their granddaughter by the Victor family.
Cindy Engel on the birth of her grandson by the Victor family.
Stephen Victor on being the 2006 Negev Dinner Honouree by Donna and Eric Levin.
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Sibyl Mirsky by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Casey Swedlove by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Speedy recovery to:
Linda Nadolny Cogan by Gail and Stephen Victor.

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In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Ruth and Joe Viner.
Eve Torontow Flesher by Ruth and Joe Viner.
Sibyl Mirsky by Ruth and Joe Viner.
Casey Swedlove by Ruth and Joe Viner.

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In appreciation to:
Lisa Rosenkrantz by Benjamin and Verena Shapiro.

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In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Rhonda, Richard, Zev and Eve Waserman.
Libby Shore by Rhonda, Richard, Zev and Eve Waserman.

MIRIAM AND LOUIS WEINER ENDOWMENT FUND
Anniversary wishes to:
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pinkus on their 60th wedding anniversary by Miriam and Lou Weiner.
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Miriam and Louis Weiner.
Phyllis Leith by Miriam and Louis Weiner.
Sibyl Mirsky by Miriam and Louis Weiner.
Casey Swedlove by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

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In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Millie Weinstein.
Eve Torontow Flesher by Millie Weinstein.
Phyllis Leith by Millie Weinstein.
Sibyl Mirsky by Millie Weinstein.
Speedy recovery to:
Linda Cogan by Millie Weinstein.

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In memory of:
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Buddy Salzman by Lynne Oreck Wener, Bobby Wener, Taryn, Eleni and Hart.

IRVING AND DIANE WEXLER FAMILY FUND
In memory of:
Bessie Greenberg by Diane Wexler.
Sibyl Mirsky by Diane Wexler.
Arthur Steinberg by Diane Wexler.

MORRIS AND MARIETTE WOOLFSON ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Mariette Woolfson by Donald Cherm and Robert Lebans; by Carole and Norman Zagerman; and by Herb and Pam Belles.

SAM AND HELENE ZARET MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Sibyl Mirsky by Debi Zaret.
Birthday wishes to:
Lou Satov on his special birthday by Mark, Simmy, Debi, Neil, Josh, Adam, Sam and Zak Zaret.

THE SAUL AND EDNA GOLDFARB B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

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In sickness and in health

Would you be able to live with a husband who is diabetic? Has severe travel limitations? Is plagued by a chronic sleep disorder? How about a wife who is racked by daily migraines or suffers from an inflammatory bowel condition?

When you get married, you don't just make a commitment to the robust 20-something- or 30-something-year-old in front of you; you also make a commitment to the 40-year-old, the 50-year-old and the 85-year-old versions of that same individual.

While we should love people based on who they are rather than on the body they occupy, the fact is aging is inevitable, and with it usually come sundry health problems and disabilities.

A spouse with a serious health problem can drain you physically and emotionally, and even precipitate the termination of your marriage if the marriage becomes rocky for other reasons.

Health, present lifestyle (sedentary? smoker?), past lifestyle (previous drug or alcohol addiction?) and even genes should be taken into account when considering a partner for life.

Of course, nobody is perfect, and medical matters are only one of many factors to be weighed. Don't pass up every date who has "something." Rather, try to understand the lifestyle implications of what the person "has" and make an informed decision vis-à-vis your relationship.

If you plan to have children, are you both carriers of a genetically transmittable disease, such as Tay Sachs or Sickle Cell Anaemia? A genetic screening prior to making a commitment can prevent tremendous anguish down the road.

The medical history of your date's family is also important, as heredity can predispose your spouse as well as your future children to certain illnesses, such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

Dating earnestly is not a time to be gallant. Issues should be brought out in the open, albeit with great sensitivity.

Keep in mind people with a sexually transmittable disease, such as AIDS, hepatitis or herpes, can be very uncomfortable talking about their situation.

Those with a psychiatric condition, such as bi-polar disorder, may have an even greater challenge. Given the stigma, misinformation and stereotyping surrounding such individuals (many of whom actually lead a fairly normal, productive life), they are generally very reluctant about revealing their condition.

If you have a serious medical condition, you must disclose it to your date, discussing prognosis and practical ramifications. This should be done once a level of trust has developed, and as part of any talk about a long-term future together.

Disclosure should be in a straightforward, matter-of-fact manner, neither exaggerated nor understated. You can even invite your date to discuss your situation with your doctor, and thereby show you are not withholding information.

Timely sharing will elicit respect for your courage and honesty. And should your date choose to discontinue the relationship, at least it will be an informed decision and before the two of you have become more deeply enmeshed in each other's lives.

Divulging your infirmities, syndromes or phobias, as tough as it is, is the "easy" part. The more difficult task is to try to determine whether your partner has the wherewithal to live with you.

How is his energy level? How flexible are his lifestyle habits? What is his attitude toward your medical challenge? If you marry him, your medical problems become his medical problems as well. Should he demonstrate a lacklustre interest in your condition, brush it off or churn out idealistic platitudes, he may be living in fantasyland.

Finally, there's no guarantee someone healthy today, even with healthy parents and siblings, will not acquire some terrible physical or mental affliction tomorrow – or, for that matter, be involved in a car accident. By the same token, advances in medicine will provide cures or better treatments for various medical conditions that, today, we consider to be serious.

The future is unknown. But this fact does not absolve us, as responsible decision-makers, from considering information that is within our purview, before making a life-long commitment. Once you enter into marriage, you are in it "in sickness and in health."

May you find your *bashert* soon, and may you both grow old together gracefully.

Jack Botwinik is the author of Chicken Soup with Chopsticks: A Jew's Struggle for Truth in an Interfaith Relationship. *Questions and/or comments are appreciated and can be sent to Jack via his Author Page at* www.PaperSpider.Net (http://www.paperspider.net/authors/jack_botwinik.html).

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Dating 101

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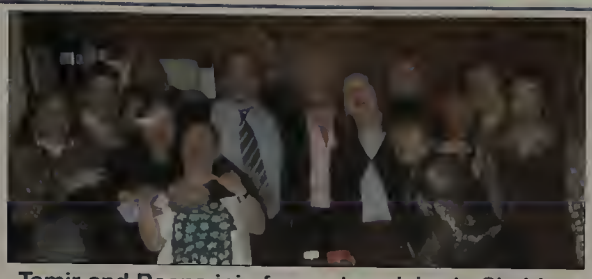
Events in the community



Tamir and Reena join forces to celebrate Shabbat

Participants of Tamir's Judaic Outreach Program and from Reena in Toronto reel in delight as they conclude a Shabbaton hosted by Reena. Both organizations had an active part in the morning services at Beit Raim Synagogue, reciting Torah blessings, prayers for the government, opening and closing the ark and sharing the Dvar Torah they wrote. It was a great occasion to use Tamir's new Shabbat Guide and to meet new peers with the intent of developing life-long friendships.

Musica Ebraïca concert features Jewish music in Canada

Musica Ebraïca presents Jewish Music in Canada on Sunday afternoon, February 11, 2007 at 3:00 pm at Tabaret Hall, 550 Cumberland St.

Jews have lived and prospered in Canada for more than 200 years and have had opportunities to weave together the sounds of their Jewish expression with their Canadian experience. Noted composers such as Ben Steinberg, Srul Irving Glick of Toronto, Eyal Bitton of Montreal and Toronto and Sid Robinovitch of Winnipeg have all brought the unique melodic temperament of Jewish music to the Canadian public, using the original languages spoken by the immigrants who came here: Yiddish, Ladino, French and English.

Featured in this concert is the amusing and rousing rendition of *Meypl Blat Reg*, better known as the *Maple Leaf Rag*, but translated into Yiddish. Other Canadian content is provided by arrangements of well-known Ladino, Yiddish, and Hebrew melodies by the above composers, as well as Peter Pundy of Ottawa and Brian Bessner of Toronto.

The chamber choir's 25 singers, who come from not only Jewish backgrounds, but also Christian, enjoy bringing this unique genre of music to the public.

Tickets are $15 adults/$10 seniors and students, and are available by calling 613-731-9278, 613-224-7073 or emailing *wershof@magma.ca*.

Friendship Circle receives Trillium grant

Devora Caytak, the Jewish Youth Library director, received a cheque and a commemorative plaque from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and the Government of Ontario to run the Friendship Circle, a program that extends a helping hand to families with children with special needs. The grant was announced by Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Jim Watson (centre), Bob Wilson from OTF and Devora Caytak.

Katz awarded Order of Ontario

By Alexander Baker

Leon Katz, a former clinical engineer who invented numerous medical devices and pioneered techniques for keeping patients alive during open-heart surgery, was awarded the Order of Ontario on Wednesday, December 20.

One of his inventions, the original servo controlled automatic scanner and printer, located thyroid cancer metastases and produced accurate printouts of every cancerous spot on the body.

The award came only four months after he was given the Living Legend Award by the World Congress of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons.

Katz, 81, was bestowed the Order of Ontario by James K. Bartleman, the province's lieutenant governor, after being nominated by the general public. The award recognizes "the highest level of individual excellence and achievement," in this case, in the fields of engineering and medicine.

Leon Katz (left) is presented with the Order of Ontario by Lieutenant-Governor James K. Bartleman.

Ambassador of art: a unique Morton Baslow retrospective

By Dr. Norm Barwin

Ambassador Alan Baker, spouse Dahlia and the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation hosted a unique exhibit of paintings by Morton Baslow. The setting was at Kinneret, the ambassador's residence, where a retrospective of a great Canadian artist lined the walls of the embassy.

The display represented more than 60 years of Morton Baslow's works.

Baslow described the settings in which many of these beautiful works were created and the unique memory of each situation.

This internationally recognized artist has displayed his paintings throughout the world, including Israel and Europe. He is a graduate of the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, a past-president of the Ottawa School of Art and founding president of the Ottawa Watercolour Society. He was awarded the Society's life-time achievement award in 2006.

He is a nationally recognized painter in water colour, working in a technique of interpretative realism in still life, landscape, cityscape and seascape.

(From left to right) Dr. Norman Barwin, artist Morton Baslow and Ambassador Alan Baker.

His works have been exhibited and displayed in many galleries, learned societies, universities and many juried exhibits throughout Canada and the world.

In addition, Baslow is an outstanding teacher, professor and art instructor and his classes are sought after. He is a mentor to many and an innovator, creator and that rare breed of artist who is able to express his warmth, passion, humour and sincerity with the beautiful talent with which he is blessed - and that we are all able to enjoy.

This event was an outstanding success with more than 200 people enjoying the display. Great feelings of appreciation for Baslow's talent permeated Kinneret.

Dr. Norman Barwin is president of the CICF.

WHAT'S GOING ON
January 21 to February 4, 2007

For a detailed listing visit *www.jewishottawa.org*

SHALOM OTTAWA
Rogers Television 22

Sunday, January 28
10:00 am

Saturday, February 3
repeat – 10:00 am

CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

Jan 26 ✡ 4:43 pm
Feb 2 ✡ 4:53 pm

MONDAY JANUARY 22

JET, Lawyers' Lunch and Learn, Gowlings, 160 Elgin Street, 26th Floor, noon

JET, Jewish Unity Live Pirkei Avot Group, home of Mark and Barbara Siegel, 8:00 pm.

JET, Jewish Unity Live Pirkei Avot Group, home of John Kershman and Sabina Wasserlauf, 8:00 pm.

TUESDAY JANUARY 23

Malca Pass Book Discussion Group, "Accidents: A Novel" by Yael Hedaya, Reviewer: Minda Wershot, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 pm.

Women's Jewish Unity Live Pirkei Avot Group, home of Miriam Gal-Taub, 7:30 pm.

Jewish Learning Institute, "The Kabbalah of Character," course with Rabbi Menachem Blum, 8:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24

Jewish Unity Live Pirkei Avot Group, home of Robin Mader, 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY JANUARY 28

JNF Ottawa 21st annual Tu Bi Shevat Tree-a-thon, help replant, rebuild, restore Israel's northern forests, Regional Realty, 1737 Woodward Drive, 9:00 am.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31

SJCC Teen Department, "Movie Night," 7:00 pm.

SJCC Jewish Singles Club 35+, Maxwell's Bistro & Wine Bar, Maxwell's Bistro & Wine Bar, 300 Elgin Street/Gilmour, 8:00 pm.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

SJCC Israeli Style Tu Bi Shevat Family Celebration, in conjunction with Congregation Beth Shalom West, seder with crafts, music and treats, 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Vered Israel Cultural & Educational Program and Carleton University Max and Tessie Zelikovitz Centre for Jewish Studies, "The Islamic Conundrum: The Koran, The Jews and Israel," lecture by Prof. Khaleel Mohammed, department of religious studies, San Diego State University, 7:30 pm.

COMING SOON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Musica Ebraïca, "Music in Canada," concert, uOttawa Tabaret Hall, 550 Cumberland Street, 3:00 pm.
Info: 613-731-9278.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Ottawa Torah Institute, Adina Ben-Porat Memorial Lecture, "A Woman's Right Over Her Own Body: A Jewish Ethical Perspective," with Rabbi Eliezer Ben-Porat, 7:30 pm.
Info: 613-244-3939 / 737-5506.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Jewish Federation of Ottawa, Guys Night Out at the Races, Rideau Carleton Raceway, 6:00 pm.
Info: latwell@jewishottawa.com.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Jewish Federation of Ottawa, YAD "Night at the Masquerade," Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 pm.
Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 270.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar coordinator at 798-9818 ext. 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided and all events must be open to the Jewish public. You may fax to 798-9839 or email to bschafer@jccottawa.com.

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Lyone Heppner, Montreal
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Elisabeth Katz, Montreal
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Abbo Kent
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Libby Shore
Daniel Siegel, Toronto
(brother of Mark Siegel)
Casey Swedlove
Helen Yegendorf, Montreal
(mother of Howard Yegendorf)
Eva Zacharoff, Pembroke
(mother of Len Zacharoff)

May their memory be a blessing always.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

JANUARY 31 FOR FEBRUARY 19
FEBRUARY 14 FOR MARCH 5
MARCH 7 FOR MARCH 26
MARCH 21 FOR APRIL 9
APRIL 11 FOR APRIL 30
APRIL 25 FOR MAY 14